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# Yeltsin: The sick man of Europe

TONY BARBER, PHIL REEVES fronts: first exit polls gave Mr and HELEN WOMACK

He was fighting two battles mounting evidence that the 65-yesterday. First, he was seeking year-old President and con-to defeat his Communist rival. Gennady Zyuganov. At the same time, and perhaps even more importantly, President Boris Yeltsin was seeking to convince Russians and the outside world that he is robust enough to govern his vast realm into the 21st century.

As the last polling stations closed in European Russia, 24 hours after they opened in Kamchatka in the Far East, the tentative signs were that be last year. It was evidently a last-was winning oo ooe of the two minute decision by his doctors

Yeltsin a lead over Mr Zyuganov of 55 to 40 per cent. Less promising was the

too sick to survive a full fouryear second term in office. The implications of this could be cataclysmic. Mr Yeltsin's illness, clearly more serious than the Kremlin's official account of a cold or sore throat, forced him to cast his hallot yesterday morning in the village of Barvikha outside Moscow, the same place where he convalesced after his two heart attacks

to keep him under wraps. The President's staff had earlier escorted four husloads of televicorted four husloads of televi-sion crews and reporters to Mr Yeltsin's usual voting station, Osenny Bulvar, in western Moscow.

After waiting for two hours for the President to arrive, the assembled media were finally infurmed by his trusty Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, that Mr Yeltsin had already cast his vote at 10am in Barvikha. "Why not -it's easier there, it's nearer there," Mr Chernomyrdin said. "He's all right. He has his finger on the pulse."

If Mr Yeltsin dies, the reins:

within three months. Alexander Lebed, the retired army general whom Mr Yeltsin appointed two weeks ago to take charge of Russian national security, would be likely to stand for president. Few in the West would see

much reason to rejoice.

Mr Yeltsin bas been ill and disappeared from public view several times in the past, most notoriously in December 1994 when the Russian armed forces stormed into Chechnya and the President was said to be recovering from a "nose operation". But at 65, he has already of power would pass over in the first instance to Mr Cherlived longer than the average

Russian male, and he inflicted a punishing schedule on himself when campaigning across Rus-sia's 11 time zones before the election's first round.

With Mr Yeltsin's history of heart trouble, it seems logical to assume that his week-long absence from public view stems from the same problem. But the US television network CNN, whose broadcasts are closely followed by Russia's political classes, appeared tu jump to the wrong conclusion when reporting while the polls were still open, that Mr Yeltsin was suffering from angina.

A presidential adviser, Serge Karaganov, pointed out that the Russian word "angina", which

President's illness, means "sore throat" or "tonsillitis". That said, a sore throat appeared to be the last of Mr Yeltsin's worries as he spoke clearly, if woodenly, in a one-minute address filmed by Kremlin cameras at

"All of you, absolutely all of you, come along, don't forget your duty," the President said, exhorting citizens to vote. Explaining his failure to cast his bullet in Moreon, he joked. "I ballot in Moscow, he joked: "I have already fulfilled the plan for talking to the press by 120 per cem." Whilst millions of provincial voters appeared un-concerned by the President's fragile health, to those in the

had been used to define the know in Moscow and St Petersburg it was a more disturbing husiness. That is principally because of the rise to promi-nence of Mr Lebed.

He bas made it clear he sees himself as Mr Yeltsin's natural successor and has shocked reformist opinion with a series of bellicose threats to shake up Russian society. If Mr Yeltsin, back to office, were to become seriously incapacitated, Mr Lebed would almost certainly make a bid for supreme power.

Mr Zyuganov, whose attempts to raise the health issue in the campaign's last week were largely suppressed by the pro-Yeltsin Russian media, made one last effort to capitalise

yesterday. "Apparently his state of health is not very good. He bas not seen any of his closest aides in the last few days," the 52-year-old Communist leader said before writing in Moscon.

said, before voting in Moscow. But last night those around the President had more immediate worries on their minds specifically, the turn-out. Polls closed in 14 regions to reveal an estimated turn-out of around 62 per cent, a figure that was low-er than Mr Yeltsin's campaign team could feel comfortable with, but above the dangerous 60-per-cent threshold at which he would stand a significant chance of defeat.

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# Edward I stole it from the Scots; four nationalist students stole it back; 700 years on the Stone of Scone is going home

# Major tries royal magic to appease the Scots

The Scots asked for a parliatent, and John Major gave them a Stone. The Prime Minister announced yesterday to a staggered House of Commons that, after 700 years, the Stone of Scone is to be taken out of the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey and returned to

Scotland. It belongs, in legal theory, and no doubt in her opinion, to the Queen. But Mr Major stated that she had agreed to the transfer "on the advice of Her Majesty's ministers". The Stone, on which Kings of Scotland were crowned until Edward I of England seized and removed it in 1296, may be placed in Ed-

inburgh Castle later this year. Politics is often symbolic. But nothing in this British century is stranger, or more touching in its faith in magic, than John Major's attempt to propitiate the Scots by returning the Liath Fail, or Stooe of Destiny, after 700 years of exile.

And nothing more plainly reveals the superstirion which still underlies this monarchy than the plaintive half-protest issued vesterday by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey. To them, the "symbolic and emotional significance" of the Stone, its "intimate association with the Sacrament of Coronation and its religious associations raise an agony of anxiety in "those who are advising the Queen in this matter The working of a mighty spell seems to be endangered, a reaction as unpolitical - and indeed non-Christian - as the old myth that the monarchy will fall when the ravens of the Tower of Londoo perish.

Edward I was much more rational when he took the Stone, together with archives and holy relies, in 1296. Like a Victorian conqueror in West Africa, calculating that removing the sacred stool of a king would demoralise his subjects and cow them into accepting foreign rule, he thought that this would break Scottish morale. It had seemed to work when the Crown of King Arthur and a fragment of the True Cross were seized from Wales in 1284.

#### By Neal Ascar

But this time Family wrong. The Wars of Independence followed, culminating in the crushing Scottish victory at Bannockburn in 1314. Edward's grandson acknowledged the mistake and, at the Treaty of Northampton in 1328, agreed to give the Stone back. But the London mob rioted in protest, and the Stone remained in

Westminster Abbey. There it stayed, a mysterious, great slah which was once thought to be basalt but now seems to be a sort of limestone, until a group of young Scottish patriots, led by Iain Hamilton, broke into the Abbey and took it back to Scotland at the New Year of 1950. When the tidings came on the BBC, a vivid flash of exultation ran all over Scotland - one of those instances when everyooe remembers where they were when they

heard the news. More than a year later, after negotiations which are still obscure, the Stone was laid in the ruined Abbey of Arbroath for the seekers to find, and returned to Westminster. Nobody was prosecuted. Some believe that only a fake Stone was returned, and that the real one still lies somewhere hidden in Northern darkness. But Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State of Scotland, promised yesterday that Xtests, to be published shortly, will show that the slab ray 00 which the young Queen Elizabeth sat to be crowned two. years later was, and remains, the

real thing.
Talk about "the resum of chitural heritage" is beside the point. It is all too clear that this ump of rock is anything but dead heritage. This heritage is alive, and, in England even more than in Scotland, sin radiates an awesome charge of power and legitimacy. The origins of the Stone are duknown. The medieval Scots invented fancies: that it was the stone which had been facob's pillew when he dreamed of the ladder to heaven and naw angels as-ceoding and descending



But Just provoked them further Photograph: Andrew Cooper / Ronald Grant Archive

brought to Scotland by the mythical Prince Gathelus from Egypt: it seems to have been taken to Seene, near Perth, by King Kenneth MacAlpine in the 9th seating. Stones sometimes played a part in the Dark Age ceremones for mangarating kings together with bardic

recitations of ancestry.
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til the 13th pentury were to re-main north of the Border, there

would be staged pressure for a separate Scottist Coronation of all future Broads monarchs.

The Hansburgs fell into this trap. The Emperous of Austria-Hungary also became, by marriage and conquest, kings of Bohemia and Hungary, and there were coronation ceremonies in Prague and Budapest as well as Vienna. The effect of this was to preserve the sense of injured pride in those two kingdoms, later to develop into full-blown nationalism.

Will the return of the Stone, an idea put to Mr Major earlier this year by the ingenious Mr Forsyth, appease the Scottish

QUICKLY

bugger for self-government? It by to have the opposite eftrace, it. might bave discovered the ancient regalia of Scotland in a box in Edinburgh Castle, romantic excitemeot seemed to strengthen loyalty to the Hanoverians rather than weaken it.

Today, 170 years later, national feeling will only take strength from the righting of an old wrong. As Sir David Steel said in the Commons yesterday, most people in Scotland "want not just the symbol but the substance of the return of democratic cootrol". This Stone is going to roll a long way before it comes to rest.



took the stone (right) in 1950. A year later it was 'found' in Arbroath

# Finders keepers in a world game of marbles

At first, Schliemann believed

One of the most unusual

artefacts to be disputed is the

Quetzalcopilli, the head-dress of

the Aziec emperor Montezuma,

they were the personal jewels of

than the Homeric era.

REBECCA FOWLER

It is the world's biggest game of marbles. For centuries nation's have plundered each other's most beloved artefacts, including the Stone of Destiny, only to claim "finders keepers" when

asked to return them. The list of lost goods covers the spectrum of history, from a manuscript containing the oldest sentences written in Welsh to an Aztec feathered headdress, jewels once thought to belong to Helen of Troy, and a collection of Norse chess pieces.

Among the greatest boarders of all is the British Museum. The most disputed artefacts to be plonked in Bloomsbury are the Elgin Marbles, which once adorned the Parthenon in Athens. Lord Elgin hought them from a Turkish overlord in 1801, and sold them to the museum in 1816 for £35,000.

Glenys Kinnock, the Labour MEP, has joined calls for the marbles to be returned, and in return hopes to see Welsh artefacts brought back to her homeland from England. The Gospel of St Teilo, a religious hands for 1,000 years.

For the most part the artefacts are priceless. The world's most valuable chess set, dug up on the Isle of Lewis in 1801. recently became the subject of a custody battle between the islanders and the British Museum. Both kings are insured for £1m each.

But it is oot just the British who are expert at laying their hands on other people's cultures. The Greeks are equally anxious to reclaim the Venus de Milo from the French, who have given the mutilated statue pride of place at the Louvre for 170 years, while Moscow is brimming with as many foreign treasures as Bioomsbury.

As well as some of the finest impressionist paintings in the world, seized as trophy art from the Germans at the eod of the Second World War, the Russians have Priam's Treasure. The hoard of 100 Turkish objects was found by Heinrich Schliemann in 1873 and taken from Berlin by Soviet soldiers in 1945.



which has been in Vienna for 100 years. It is made from 450 feathers of the quetzal and ex-Helen of Troy, and adorned his young Greek wife with the most tinct cotinga bird. Mexican Indians danced outbeautiful. But they are now side the presidential palace last recognised to be much older

year to encourage official action. The Austrians maintain the plumage 'would rot in the trop-ics" and claim it never belooged to the emperor anyway.



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MPs vote for rise The House of Commons will next week spurn a Government call for pay restraint with a free vote which will bring a 26

per cent pay rise for MPs. Backbeach MPs will endorse a recommendation from the Senior Salaries Review Body that they receive a rise of more than £170 a week, moving them up from £34,085 to £43,000.

Woman to run ROH A woman looks certain to take over the running of the Royal Opera House, in London, for the first time. Four high-profile women in the arts are being con-

sidered by the ROH board to take over as general director when Sir Jeremy Isaacs retires next year. It is understood that the nature of the post is likely

# BA strike spells chaotic summer

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Hundreds of thousands of boliday-makers and business travellers face a summer of chaos after British Airways pilots voted overwhelmingly to strike in protest at a pay and productivity offer.

The British Airline Pilots' Association is expected to opt for a highly damaging indefinite strike from 16 July following a 90 per cent vote for action. This would be the first major all-out strike since the industrial action by miners in 1984-85

Both sides last night regis-

Man to

sue BR

over his

sister's

death

A man is considering suing British Rail after his 86-year-old

which be claims she was not given sufficient time to get off the train. Her brother is particularly upset because he says he had implored platform staff to stop

her time to get off. David Kelly. 77, feels that his

sister's death three weeks later was the result of trauma caused

holme in the Lake District. Margaret Fraser travelled up to visit her brother on 30 May

from Reading on an InterCity

train, a journey she had undertaken many times before. Although she was mobile, she was beloed onto the train by rail staff and was supposed to have been given support in getting off

However, when she got to her destination there was no one to

help her. Her brother looked up and down the platform but

could not see her and approached the two platform staff.

He started talking to the station workers, saw his sister struggling with a train door and asked them to help get her off.

Mr Kelly said afterwards:

"As I showed them where she

was, they just ignored me and the smaller of the two blew his whistle very loudly and the

Mrs Fraser had to go to Pen-

rith, the next stop, and then re-

turn on another train. By this

enholme because of the door

not opening came back with her. Mr Kelly says that Margaret

Relly spoke to the staff.

at Oxenholme.

**CHRISTIAN WOLMAR** Transport Correspondent tered their readiness to enter

BA said that it had drawn up "contingency" plans to operate as many flights as possible with the help of an estimated 20 per cent of flight crews who are not members of Balpa.

The strike vote came as London endured another 24-hour stoppage by tube drivers which closed two-thirds of the system. London Underground claimed that some members of Aslef, the train drivers' union, worked during the action. There were no signs that talks were imminent in an attempt to solve the dispute over working hours.

for next Monday and 16 July, when the BA action could start. Threats of industrial action

also emerged in the "overground" rail network as the RMT transport union called ballots for strikes among its 9,000 members. The union is disputiog productivity pay-ments on the East Coast Mainlioe, Cross Country, Great Western, South Central, South Eastern Trains and Mersey Rail

Negotiations over rest periods have broken down at Central Trains, Regional Railways, North London Railways, Scot-

Further walkouts are planned Rail, South Wales and West and Thames Trains.

At the Royal Mail, the postal executive at the Communication Workers Union is to decide today whether to press ahead with more 24-hour strikes.

The dispute at BA, bowever is potentially the most serious because of the likely decision to call an all-out stoppage.
The airline has offered its

3,600 flight deck employees a 3.6 per cent pay increase this year and a rise of 0.5 per cent above inflation next year.

Lower-paid crews who operate out of Garwick have been offered an additional 10 per

clashed over the present pay of flight crew. Balpa put the av-erage figure at £50,000 a year, but the company said it was nearer £75,000, withsenior pilots earning more than

£100,000. Chris Darke, geoeral secretary of Balpa, said the pilots were simply seeking the same deal as other BA employees. He pointed out that the 94 per cent turnout among the 3,000 Balpa members was among the highest ever recorded under the pre-sent legislation. Out of 2,980

to reject the offer.

Management and union also

ballot papers returned, 2,687
voted for a strike, with just 292
against.

Robert Ayling, chief exec-utive of the airline, said action would not be in the interests of the union, its members, the customers or the country.

"It seems to us regrettable that a responsible union should use a threat to damage the interests of the company in order to pursue objectives which are

He said that some 60 per cent of BA passengers travelled for oon-business purposes, and a stoppage would "seriously in-convenience a lot of people".

# SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Dritish doctors have identified a new burn syndrome
Deniesd by lightning, following one of the largest
multiple strikes anywhere in the world, which occurred in
Kend. An average of between 12 and 20 people are
injured by lightning in Britain each year, but 17 were but
by a single lightning bolk as they shelicred under trees at a
football match in September 1995.

Doctors at St Andrew's Hospital, Bilbericay, found that
10 had a distinctive pattern of burns on the soles of their
foet and the tips of their toes. Christened the "Tip-The
syndrome, Mr Palamy Saad Fahmy, fortoerly a registrar in
plastic surgery at St Andrews, said the burn patterns
suggests that a lightning bolt affects small peripheral
nerves and blood vessels. The patterns showed a
remarkable range of injuries. Lightning strikes have the
potential for multi-existent mauries, the extent of which
had not previously been recognised. But all 17 victims had
recovered and the long-term risks to their health were
minimal, he added Lig Hant

Vater quality improved last year, the Government's.

Drinking Water Inspectorate reported yesterday.

Only one in 290 of the 3.2 million tests carried out by the 31 water companies in 1995 failed to comply with national and EU standards. Overall, higher than acceptable levels of iron, lead and posticides were the most common reason

Yorkshire Water, under fire for its performance in fast year's drought, has the greatest number of enforcement actions pending against it. Seven incidents involving contravention of quality standards and failure to meet sampling requirements are cited by the Inspectorate, which only brings enforcement actions when a water supplier "is contravening [standards] and is likely to contravene again". Karen Bakker

Manchester is to receive a £21m ald package to begin the restoration of its bomb damaged city centre, the Deputy Prime Minister: Michael Heseltine said yesterday. It will include £20m to be injected after a

said yesterday. It will include £20m to be injected after a reallocation of European funds and £1m to help prepare a master plan for the redevelopment.

Mr Heselthae announced the creation of a city centre task force, under the chairmanship of industrialist Sir Alan Cockshaw, to oversee the project, following the massive bombing more than two weeks ago which was estimated to have caused damage of £560m. He said owners of the most badly bomb damaged buildings, including Marks & Spencer and P&O, operators of the giant Arndale Centre, had been involved in negotiations.

Sir James Goldsmith, the billionaire financier of the Referendum Party, yesterday incited Tory. Euro-sceptics to rebel before the general election. He warned that actions not words would be required for his Referendum Party to withdraw its threat to stand against them in the next election, and which could cost some their

"I was asked today what criteria would be used by us as Twas asked roday what criteria would be used by us as to whether we field candidates. We have to look at the facts, what people have done as opposed to what they say. We will want more than just commitments but acts. "Sir fames told a Westminster press gallery huncheon. His remarks will infortate John Major, who has been told that the Enro-sceptics have privately agreed to a ceasefire until after the election. Coin Brown.

A fresh challenge to the armed forces' fian on gays and lesbuses got the go ahead in the High Court yesterties. Giving leave for ferrence Perkins, a 27-year-old pomescinial to seek judicial review. Mr Justice Sedley said. "It was guished that sexual orientation discrimination is caught by the [EU] Equal Treatment Directive."

Mr Perkins was a Royal Newy leading medical assistant with exemplary service until his discharge in October 1995 following a tip-off about his sexuality to the Military—Police. His case follows the landmark European Court of Justice ruling in a case concerning a transsexual. P where

Justice ruling in a case concerning a transsexual, P, where the court held that the Equal Treatment Directive, which outlaws sexual discrimination, should be given a broad interpretation. Patricia Wynn Davies

British Rail pensioners are £5.5m richer after 20 Old Masters belonging to their pension fund sold well above the £4.7m estimate at Sotheby's in London. The top lot was a bullfight scene by Goya, which made £2.5m. Death of a Picador was part of a series painted by the artist to pay his medical bills after a near fatal illness. It dated from 1793. The painting, executed in oil on timplate, was expected to fetch between £1m and £1.5m.

Other works in the British Rail Pension Fund collection included a panoramie landscape by Dutchman Philip Koninck, painted around 1650, which sold to the London dealer Robert Noortman for £925,000. Koninck, who trained in Rembrandt's circle, has long been regarded as an important figure in the development of Dutch landscape painting. David Lister (Arts News, page 9)



River of dreams: Members of Kingston rowing club discussing their sport at yesterday's opening of the Royal Regatta, Henley Photograph: David Rose

# Power group hopes for | Homesick life of windfall tax reprieve

Westminster Correspondent

National Grid, the electricity time, she was taken ill and had supply group, is hopeful that afto be brought by wheelchair ter talks with Labour politicians. from one platform to another. it will be among those excludand then back to Oxenholme. ed from the party's windfall tax Three others who had also aimed at hitting the profits of failed to get off the train at Oxthe privatised utilities.

Peter Gavin, National Grid's corporate affairs director, said resterday, they had put a "powerful case" to Labour to be exempt from the tax.

was already poorly: "She was very shaky when she got back and I realise now that she was He was speaking the day afalready dying."
A tew days later, she was in ter The Independent revealed that Labour was having to reintensive care in hospital and she died on June 22 Dectors say vise its windfall tax plans after talks between senior figures in she had suffered a heart attack. the party and several major util-When Mr Kelly wrote to ny companies, including British

InterCity West Coast, which is responsible for the station. Mike Kilgour, station services manager at Carlisie, replied ernment saying it proved what they always thought, that the tex. that the signal had already been ghen to depart by the time Mr. intended to raise E3bm would not work.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-There is intense pressure on cellor of the Exchequer, said: rail staff to ensure that trains de-We broked at the tax when it part on time because train operatiog companies can be fined appeared in one of the news-In Ruiltrack for any delays. papers and we rapidly discov-

wouldn't raise the money or if it did it would cause great injustice and create damage to

Mr Clarke added: "It won't raise £3 billion unless you're going to do tremendous damage. It was sold as a painless tax -a way of taxing the companies that provide our gas, our electricity, our water and our telecommunications." The Chancellor continued: "The implication was nobody was going to pay except some fat cats mysteriously in the

background." National Grid said it had been forced to fund a £50 relate for every electricity consumer at its flotation last December. "We're highly geared as a result, and we don't warrant any wind-The report provoked a furi-oes political row with the Govthe Shadow Chancellor, said his boss had never met anyone from British Gas to talk about the windfall tax. However, the Independent never made such an allegation, Richard Giordano, the British Gas chairman,

the independent understands,

fall lax and its impact on the compount was raised.

lo the manifesto document published today, said Mr Brown's spokesman, the party will reaffirm the commitment for a windfall levy on the privatised utilities."

The document will say: "to pay for these proposals we will have a one-off windfall levy oo the excess profits of the privatised utilities which will pay for our carefully costed deal for young people and unem-ployed."

Labour accused lobbying firms of whipping up a case that their clieots should be excluded from the tax. "The privatised utdities have made £50bn profit in the last ten years," said Mr Brown. "They are now spend-ing hundreds of thousands of priunds on lobbyists in a vain attempt to change Labour's

The Shadow Chancellor said he had now instructed his colleagues "to tell these lobby firms that they are wasting their time and the privatised utilities has met a senior member of Mr are wasting their money."

# army recruits

Defence Correspondent

Half of the Army's recruits now come from broken homes, it was revealed yesterday, the first time a detailed portrait of Army recruits has ever been released.

Most recruits live with their mothers, only 54 per cent of whom are still married. The worst problem recruits encounter when they join the Army is bomesickness. They miss their mothers most of all girlfriends and hoyfriends come second, followed closely

by pets. Some 59 percent smoke, an average of 13 eigarettes a day. The 84 per cent drink get through an average of 11 piots a week. And although they are more interested in sport than others of their age group, they are not fit enough.

The Army announced yesterday that it was extending its basic recruit training to cope with soldiers whose lifestyle has given them the "worst pos-sible start to Army life". Last year the Army hoped to recruit

aged only 11,000. The pool from which recruits into the ranks are drawn has been getting smaller, and is increasingly focused on a narrow band of youngsters from relatively de-prived backgrounds - which may help explain the thuggish behaviour of some soldiers, in spite of military discipline.

Many of the young people who might bave joined the army and risen swiftly to become sergeants and warrant officers now go to university Half of those who join have

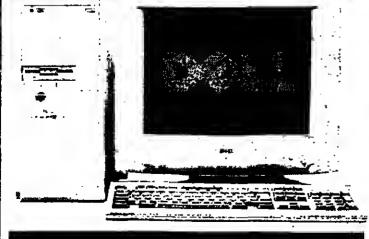
a friend in the Army and 12 percent a brother. But generally "peer group pressure" dis-courages people from joining. Lieutenant Colooel Richard Quicke, the commander of the Winchester training regiment,

outlined the problems. The trainer wearer, the couch potato, the lack of competitive sports, the lack of any sports, poor diel an environment where commitment and loyalty to the workplace is becoming less and fashionable."

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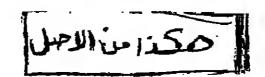
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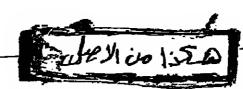
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# German mogul scoops the World Cup

**MATHEW HORSMAN** Media Editor

A reclusive German hillionaire mogul, barely known outside his own country, yesterday scooped up the non-US television rights to the World Cup in 2002, and 2006 for a record \$2.2bn, boosting football's leading event to Olympic status and breaking a 25-year hold on the rights by European public-

service broadcasters, The bid by the Bavarian methis baron Leo Kirch, one of the world's leading holders of movie and television rights, was "absolutely mind-boggling," an

governing body, said last night, adding that it marks the first time that a rights "broker", rather than broadcasters themselves, has won the lucrative

The scramble to secure rights country by country will now start, with both the BBC and ITV obliged to deal with Mr Kirch for the rights in the UK. Mr Kirch, heavily built and nearly blind from diabetes, bear

bids by the European Broadcasting Union, which includes the BBC, and IMG, the sport agency owned by Mark Mc-Cormack. The loss by the EBU

tunes of public-service broadcasters, who have been forced increasingly to compete for rights with private companies. But Fifa's general secretary,

Sepp Blatter, said yesterday that Fifa would ensure "ordi-nary viewers" will be able to see the games, and had retained a veto over any subsequent deals on rights in different countries. This is our responsibility to make sure that they see it, it is

our duty," he said.

Fifa will be guaranteed at least \$1hn for the 2002 event. to be co-hosted by Japan and South Korea. Any additional

insider at Fifa, football's world was a further blow to the for-tunes of public-service broad-tunes of public-service broad-tunes of public-service broadpartner, the marketing company ISL. That dwarfs the \$183.5m in TV rights paid for

the 1998 World Cup in France, and confirms football's status as Olympic Games.

sparked by the growing market for pay television, and the promise of saturation coverage once 500 digital television channels are launched in Europe, probably within two years. It is through the pay-TV market that Mr Kirch hopes to make his around 5 million. His 40 com-

pay-per-view hasis, in addition to selling the live rights to terrestrial broadcasters.

Mr Kirch, 68. is one of Germany's most successful and sean event nearly equal to the cretive, media giants. He owns 25 per cent of Premiere, the The explosion in the value of television sport rights has been not, 10 per cent of Mediaset, the company belonging to the Italian magnate and politician Silvio Berlusconi, and 37 per cent of Axel Springer Verlag, pub-lishers of Die Welt and Bild, Germany's biggest-selling daily tabloid with a circulation of

panies worldwide have assets of 7 hillion deutschmarks.

He is a devout Catholic, and a close confidant of the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, but also owns Sati TV octwork, which broadcasts soft porn.

The son of a wine grower, he made his fortune buying and selling rights to movies and television. His connections to Italy extend back to the 1950s, when he bought the rights to Fellini's La Strada, He now controls the rights to 15,000 movies and 50,000 hours of television, which he intends as fodder for a new digital pay-TV network to



Leo Kirch: Bid \$2.2bn for TV

#### dyslexics are born, not made

**Test finds** 

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Editor

New research has revealed that dyslexia is definitely due to differences in brain function which

exist before birth. The findings, by a British researcher, show that the disorder is linked to a subtle inability to process visual information about moving objects.

Scientists researching dyslexia, which affects an estimated two million people in the UK, ow think it may be caused by a general inability to process fast-changing data from any of

the senses.

The difference discovered in the latest work is so small that il makes no difference in other everyday activities. But the method used to find it could allow dyslexia to be diagnosed without reading tests, using Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), which cao look at activity within the brain.

In a three-year study, Guin-evere Eden, of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, used MRI to study the activity of a particular part of the hrain's visual processing

system, called V5/MT.
The MRI system spots changes in the flow of blood in the brain, so it highlights any area that is particularly active.
Six dyslexics and eight people with normal reading abili-

ties were compared as they watched fast-moving dots oo a screen. In the normal subjects, V5/MT showed heightened activity; in the dyslexics, it did not. When the same people were shown stationary dots, the differences disappeared. The results are published in the science journal Nature today.

Dr Eden pointed out that her work does not show that this difference is the cause of dyslexia. "This really indicates that dyslexia is a hiological aboormality, oot the result of upbringing or education. It also shows that there's some involvement of the visual system in dyslexia." She noted that the V5/MT area is fully formed before hirth, showing that dyslexia must be innate.

The reduced activity in the visual cortex does not mean that dyslexics have problems fol-lowing words on the printed page, said Chris Firth, of the Institute of Neurology in London.

"The problem described is very small. It wouldn't directly affect the ability to read. could only detect it in the lab."

But there may be related problems with the auditory cortex, which processes signals from the ears, he suggests Dr Eden intends to study that

area of hrain function oext. Dr Firth believes that dyslexics might all have more deepseated problems in processing data, either from eyes or ears.

Dyslexies have problems in detecting whether words or letters rhyme - a process which depends on recognising changes in the frequency of syllables. The British Dyslexia Associ-

atioo welcomed the results. "It should show the doubters, of whom there are too many, that it's not just the invention of frustrated middle-class parents who are disappointed at their children's performance in school," said a spokesman.

"It's very welcome."

# Mission possible: red tape cut to boost film industry

LOUISE JURY

It looked like a mission impossible: making a Hollywood blockhuster in the heart of London without making the movie-makers mad.

The British capital was notoriously difficult. Duhlin, Prague, Berlin - all have welcomed film crews to their heart. But London's reputation was for infuriating red tape.

Until now. The blockbuster film, Mission Impossible, has marked a turning point.

When Tom Cruise and Kristin Scott Thomas, the film's stars, arrive at the gala premiere io Leicester Square tonight, their glitzy smiles will be matched only by the beam of satisfaction oo the face of Loodon Film Commissioner Christabel Albery.

She has spearheaded efforts to cajole and persuade police, councils and anyone who cares to listen of the vital economic importance of making London a film-makers' paradise. It ap-

pears to be working.

The Saint, starring Val Kilmer, has been filmed this year in corners of the capital from the City to Earls Court. One Hundred and One Dalmatians was shot in Trafalgar and Leicester Squares, St James's Park and on the banks of the

In Mission Impossible, which opens natioowide tomorrow .a helicopter swoops past Tower Bridge, Tom Cruise runs through hosepipe-generated rain at Liverpool Street station and regulars will recognise the Anchor pub near Southwark

Cathedral Paul Hitchcock, executive producer of both Mission Impossible and The Saint, said: We've found that things are much easier now than they

"Nothing is perfect, but Christopher Brock, the location manager, feels that the boroughs and the police have been much more helpful than in the past. We've used numerous locations, and to think it's all gone very well is a compliment to

London." The praise is dear to Ms Albery's heart. More than three years ago, she first dreamt of a film commission to smooth the way for the movie industry. Last year, she won a £100,000 government grant and this autumn she plans the official

But she and her small team, based in a former puh off the Portobello Road, have already produced a code of practice and helped more than 40 feature



films with inquiries on everything from locations to techni-

"I watched (the action film) Die Hard With A Vengeance to see what New York does to support film-making," Ms Albery said. "And what they do is staggering. I think if it is possible in a busy city like New York, we should try to make it happen

Mission Impossible, a remake of the hit Sixties' American television show, might not on insisting that, as long as they

have come to the city without London Film Commission per-

"When they were deciding where to shoot it, they were quite keen not to shoot it here, Ms Albery said. The makers had seen old council rules about filming in London and they arrived at the meeting "absolutely

horrified". It was a very testing meeting. They came up with all these demands and I just went

gave us notice, we could sched-

It worked. "When they left, they definitely had a different feeling about London."

Bill Neilly, who has liaised with filming in the borough of Southwark since televisioo's The Bill first arrived on its doorstep eight years ago, said relations had certainly im-proved in recent years. "We give them as free a hand as we

can," he said. Maurice Pillinger, from Westminster council, said knowing the Loodon Film Commission was oo hand if a problem emerged gave them the confi-deoce to be flexible.

When the producers of One Hundred and One Dalmatians wanted to film in central London, the council had doubts about the motley collection of production vehicles. "All the lawyers live in Westminster everybody knows how to com

plain," Mr Pillinger said. So he asked the film compa-

ny to paint all its vans in uniform hlue and white. There were no

complaints. The capital is still losing films to rivals like Ireland which provide generous tax incentives, but Ms Albery said a oumber were oow taking advantage of the newly-forged helpfulness of the

Film-makers shoot where they feel they are welcome, where things are made easy for them," she said. And Londoo is



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# PM's new pay to rise to £143,000 a year

Political Editor

The House of Commons will next week spurn a Government call for pay restraint, with a free vote that is confidently expected to carry a 26 per cent pay rise for MPs

Backbench MPs will endorse a recommendation from the Senior Salaries Review Body, to he published today, that they receive a rise of more than £170 a week, moving them up from £34,085 to £43,000, backdated to the start of this month.

As the Independent reported yesterday, some MPs will lose on the roundabouts what they win on the salary swings. The review body report calls for the high-rate mileage allowance of 74.1 pence for 2,300cc-plus cars to be cut to the existing lower

that, once tax was taken into

Projected pay rises

Prime Minister: Now £84,217, recommended £143,000 Cabinet ministers: £69,651, recommended £103,000 The Speaker: £69,651, recommended £103,000\_

Cabinet ministers in the House of Lords:
£57,161, recommended £77,963
Leader of the Opposition: £64,167, recommended £74,125
Junior ministers: £49,283, recommended £66,623 Backbench MPs: £34,085, recommended £43,000

crease of 48 per cent, to take

But even that figure was capped when it came to the of-

fice of Prime Minister, with the

report urging that whoever wins

the next election should take a

rise of 70 per cent, from £84,217 to £143,000.

include a move from £69,651 to

£103,000 for the Speaker, and

£98,000, up nearly £34,000, for

the Leader of the Opposition.

Other recommended rises

effect after the election.

account, this change would £69,651 to £103,000, an inwipe out the pay rise. But John Major is expected

to urge the House to set a publie example and exercise restraint in its vote next week. The Prime Minister's office said last night that public sector pay policy was based on effort, merit and affordability.

Those criteria will certainly be applied by the Cabinet to the rate of 47.2p a mile.

Some MPs were calculating body on their own salaries. which would rocket from

stant condemnation from union leaders and left-wing MPs. Barry Reamsbottom, gener-

al secretary of the Civil and Public Service Union, said: "I am not against MPs and ministers getting the rate for the job. But it is gross double standards if they don't apply the same prin-ciples to those they employ." Chris Mullin, left-wing MP

for Sunderland South, told the Independent that he would table amendments opposing an inflation-busting pay deal.

But those views left many Labour MPs spluttering with rage. Sir Terence Higgins, the senior Tory backbencher, said: "Over the last 30 years, there has been no real-terms increase io pay for MPs, and ... Ministers' pay has halved." Sir Terence said the report represented a welcome attempt to restructure pay



Suffer the little children: John Crozier and his son Jack, 3, whose sister Emma died in the Dunblane tragedy, arrive at the House of Commons to support the "Snowdrop" petition calling for tougher firearms controls Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

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# Challenge to **Tories over** Scottish vote

STEPHEN GOODWIN

John Major was challenged yesterday to say whether the Conservatives would accept the verdict if the Scottish people voted in a referendum to set up an Edinburgh parliament.

In a trenchant defeoce of Labour's promise of referendums on devolutioo, Lord Irvine of Lairg, the shadow Lord Chancellor and one of They Blan's closest advisers, said he was confident of securing a

powerful "Yes" vote,
"If the Scottish people say Yes" in the referendum, will the Conservative Party accept the will of the Scottish people, or will they go on opposing devolution?" he asked, as peers began a two-day debate on the

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, warned of recreating the roubles of Ireland at the beginning of the century if the "settled wish" of the Scottish

people was defied. It would be an experience which we would he foolish not to have at the back of our miods," the former Labour Cahinet minister told peers.

The Government staged the debate in the hope of wrongfooting Labour over its plans for a "Tartan tax-raising Parlia-meot". Lord Mackay of Clash-fern, the Lord Chancellor and himself a Scot, said Mr Blair's a parliament with tax varying proposals contained serious flaws and risked breaking up the

United Kingdom.

He told peers the difference in size of the nations of the UK made balanced devolution im- contrary, the purpose of the refpossible: Scottish legislation would no longer be scrutinised

in a second chamber and in vestmeot would suffer.

"It is crucial that the risks of devolution are recognised. I do not believe it is satisfactory to pledge a referendum to be held before a devolution Bill is proposed," Lord Mackay said. Scots would be voting before

knowing how difficulties, particularly financial ooes, would

But Lord Irvine, in a speech praised by Lord Jenkins as one of the most powerful he had heard in the House, said the Conservative Party had become as autocratic as it was remote: "A large part of the malaise that grips our country slems from a profound disillusion with its system of government."

Labour helieves the Govemmeot is over-centralised, he ions of democ racy should be hrought closer to the people they represented. There was a contradiction at the core of Conservative thinking "Yes to subsidiarity in Europe;
No to subsidiarity in the UK."

Lord Irvine cited enthusiastic support in the early 1970s for a Scottish parliament with tax raising powers from Margaret Thatcher, the Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth and his predecessors Ian Lang and Malcolm Rifkind. "How the vision of youth can fall prey to crab-

powers of up to 3p in the pound, he told peers: "The referendum decision is right in principle. It signals no weakening of commitment. On the erendum is to demonstrate the demand for devolution."

# Army families will be safe

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The Government's plans to lease 60,000 Ministry of Defence-owned married quarters will not disrupt service life as MPs and families feared, senior

officers said yesterday. But last night the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, was caught up in a fresh row over the £1.6bn sale when it was re-vealed that £4.4m has already been spent on consultants' fees.

So as the senior officers' announced their support for the revised scheme, Mr Portillo faced a renewed Tory backbench rebellion.

Defence Secretary is determined to go ahead with the sale. And there was more alarm yesterday after Labour was told that families at RAF Finningley, near Doncaster, had been giv-

en notices to quit their homes

with the closure of the base, David Clark, Labour's shadow defence secretary, said the purchaser for 999 years. £4.4m paid in fees "would have been better spent on forces' families than consultants".

But the chief of defence staff, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge. said the political furore around the sale has obscured the real have been made, senior officers a direct result of the scheme.

are now happy that the assurances to be made to tenants are

satisfactory.

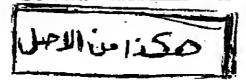
The changes made to the Government's plao have coocentrated on preserving the unity of the married quarter "patch" - the estates where the families live - and preventing the purchaser from selling sections unless strict requirements for providing alternative ac-

commodation are met. The "patch" is critically important to the services, in terms of lifestyle and also operationally. One of the officers said: "Soldiers go away to war. They leave behind oervous families. They can support each other m Despite threats of defeat in a way they couldn't if they were

the Lords and Commons, the split up around the country." Air Marshal Peter Squire, the MOD's deputy chief of staff for programmes and personnel, said the purchaser will immediately gain the freehold of the 2,500 homes which are currently surplus. The MOD will retain freehold of the rest of the estate, but will lease it to the

In the meantime, any sites which become surplus will be

handed over to the lessee. Of the £1.6bn sale, the MOD will get £100m, which will be used to improve the quality of houses. Air Marshal Squire said issues, and since alterations service families will benefit as



Blair's image: Political opponents and satirists alike have found the Labour leader an awkward target to hit

# **Tories** turn fire on gurus of the left

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

Having attacked Tony Blair's wife, and his cardigan, Conservative critics are now targeting the Labour leader's mind.

The Conservative assault on the Labour leader will be in-tensified next week with a sustained attack on Blair's "gurus" by David Willeus, a Government minister and former head of the Centre for Policy Studies, a right-wing think tank.

Cherie Booth was targeted by the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney; the cardigan Tony Blair wore in his Islington garden for the photograph on the front page of the Independent drew criocism. Mr Willetts now plans to take apart the philo-sophy underpinning "Blairism".

One of his main targets will he Peter Mandelson, the style guru behind Labour's new image, who also happens to be his Labour Shadow, as the spokes-

man on public service.

Mr Willetts, a former memher of Baroness Thatcher's
Downing Street policy unit, has named the political commentators he believes have changed attitudes which could help Tony Blair to win the hattle of ideas at the next general election.

at the next general election.

His 26,000-word pamphlet, to
he published on Monday
through the Conservative Political Centre, questions the acceptance of Blairite thought.

The Tory MP for Havant has
told friends that he intends to
challenge the eight "gurus"

Labour as an admission of their failure to maintain the intel-

failure to maintain the intellectual high ground since the demise of radical Thatcherism. In addition to Mr Mandelson's work with Roger Liddle, The Blair Revolution, Mr Willetts's targets are: Will Hutton, author of The State We're In; John Gray, author of the Demos namphlet After Social Demos pamphlet After Social Democracy; Simon Jenkins, former editor of the Times, author of Accountable to None - the Tory Nationalisation of Britain; John Kay, an economist at the London Business School, who wrote Foundations of Corporate Success; David Marquand, former leading light of the SDP and author of The Urprincipled Society, a critique of Thatcherite individualism; Frank Field, Labour MP and an advocate of reform of the welfare state; and the editor of the Independent, Andrew Marr (over his book, Ruling Britannia, in which he describes the failure of Brit-

ish democratic institutions).

Mr Kay is targeted by Mr
Willetts as the "father" of the
theory of the stakeholder economy. It was after he had exomy. It was after he had explained his philosophy in a private meeting that the Labour leader made his Singapore speech embracing stakeholding.

But Mr Kay's colleagues had doubt's about the influence of the gures on Mr Blanc policies.

doubts about the influence of the gurus on Mr Blair's policies. "He has picked up a few of their buzzwords, but whether Kay has influenced Blair's thinking is un-clear... [and] Blair has not adopted everything that Houton is saving. That on seas the whole who have "created an environment in which Blairism can flourish".

The seriousness with which the Conservatives are treating the new climate for a Blairite Labour Party will be seen by



# Satire and the great cardy challenge

REBECCA FOWLER

After the cardigan came the smile, then there were the sticky-out ears, and, of course, Cherie, Tony Blair has become the satirists' nightmare, as they struggled to find any defining traits from the Labour leader's bland appearance, flawless family life and "estate agent"

personality.

But the best is yet to come. according to cartoonists, im-personators and comedians

He added: "The schoolboy image, with MPs as the prefects, is the most appropriate. He's the boy who would have read Lord of The Flies, written his name in Celtic runes on his exercise book and knew all the words to the humps. He's also that midpersonators and comedians book and knew all the words to across Britain, who believe that the hymns. He's also that mid-nist and the Independent, said:

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John Moloney, the comedian, said: "If Tony Blair was a place, he'd be Milton Keynes. His image has heen so protected by the machine behind him, it's almost Stalinist, There's a sense if you take the piss, you're airbrushed out of the picture."

He added: "The schoolious than the saga of John Maior's undergants, when it was aljor's underpants, when it was al-leged the Prime Minister tucked

> lar design trait was sought for Blair. Chris Priestley, an illustrator and cartoonist for the *Econo-*

> his shirt into them, and a simi-

power that we'll really get a hold

on him." He added: "He is determined not to give us anything hard to push against, so we've gone overboard on what there is. He's got no more sticky-out ears than me, but you'd think he was an elephant, and the grin has turned into Jack Nicholson in The Shining.

There have been breakthroughs, however. Blair has posed one of the most bewil-dering challenges to imperson-ators, who enjoyed a golden era in the 1970s, fed by Mike Yarwood who became almost indistinguishable from Harold Wilson, the Labour Prime

After struggling to capture Blair's physical appearance, Rory Bremner turned instead to the Labour leader's style of speaking in clipped, catch-phrase terms - "New Labour".
"Young Labour". His parody of Blairspeak has paved the way for the the less amusing Tory

Clive Anderson, the interviewer, is among those who be-lieve Blair will only lend himself properly to satire when he takes up power. He said: "Maybe we'll all be looking back on Blair the Prime Minister as quite a colourful figure years down the line. Once he's gone, there will probably he someone even blander."

'Save and invest, not tax and spend'

MICHAEL HARRISON AND JOHN RENTOUL

Tony Blair yesterday gave the most explicit pledge yet that a future Labour government would control public spending tightly and avoid penal rates of

taxation. On the eve of publication of the party's Road to the Manifesto programme, he promised that Labour's policy in power would be "save and invest, not tax and

Addressing husiness leaders at the annual British Chambers of Commerce conference in Birmingham, Mr Blair said: "We will make it clear tomorrow that there can be no question of a short term dash for growth. We want sustainable. non inflationary growth and we will set and hold to an ex-plicit low target for inflation."

The Lahour leader also pledged that there would be no return to the "peual" tax rates of the 1970s. "Indeed, we must have a tax system that is internationally competitive and fair and which encourages savings, investment, work and opportunity."

In a show of hands after his speech, the 300 husiness leaders voted by a rado of 20 to 1 that Mr Blair would be the next prime minister.

At the heart of Labour's programme in government would be reform of the welfare system, Mr Blair said, The aim would he to reduce the proportion of public spending on the benefits bill and on education.

He sought again to reassure business worries about the costs of signing the European Social Chapter. He said a Labour Government will insist that any new measure adopted under the Social Chapter promotes fairness, not inflexibility".

Earlier, Mr Blair was at-tacked by John McAllion, who resigned last week over the Labour leader's U-turn on referendums on Scottish and Welsh devolution. Mr McAllion broadened his criticism of Mr Blair, complaining that the premanifesto would not commit a Labour Government to raise the





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# Holiday war hots up with deals for '97

The earliest ever launch of next year's summer holidays took place yesterday as leading travel companies brought out their

brochures for 1997.
It used to be that you had hardly returned from holiday before next year's breaks were advertised. But this year tour operators have gooe one better by revealing them before most people have gooe away.

As Airtours and First Choice aging director, said it was selling unveiled their summer 1997 a thousand holidays an hour. brochures yesterday, two high street travel ageots, Going Places and Lunn Poly, offered 13 per cent off oext year's

Holiday companies Sunworld and Inspirations also joined in, with Inspiration offering prices 3 per ceot lower across the board. However Thomson, currently the UK's biggest holiday company, stood aloof from the fray; it is expected to wait un- away at that point," she said. . til 1 August. First Choice said people booking before 3 August could get savings of up to £150 per couple, with savings of op to £240 per couple oo departures to Majorca from Glasgow.

Prices start at £119 per person and £349 for a family of four staying for a week in apartments in Majorca in April 1997. We would have preferred

not to launch as early as this, but there are some great bargains," said Kevin Ivie, First Choice group marketing director.
Airtours claimed that couples

will make an average saving of £14 compared with last year and has slashed £13m off prices altogether. The company says its main reason is to "steal a march on its competitors", and is offering seven nights in the Cos-

Big savings are on offer even before this year's holiday is taken, reports

ta Brava for £239, or £249 for seven nights in Egypt. Yester-day Peter Rothwell, group man-

Glenda Cooper

Usually the big compaoies hold off from launching their new brochures until September. The last time they launched early was in August 1994, and that was acknowledged to have been a failure, a spokeswoman for the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) said yesterday. "The August launch in 1994 was not very successful because most people had good

their first choice.

"For travel agents there is go-ing to be a problem as they are still selling holidays for summer '96. The agents are meant to have a reasonable knowledge of the products oo offer, so if they are going to be selling summer '96, winter '96 and summer '97 it's going to be an awful lot of work," she added. "People have been suggesting, does it mean there are problems in the industry? I doo't think so. 1 think it shows what competition there is among the biggest

The companies are trying to target families, who tend to book early. Airtours said yesterday that the uncertain ecooomic climate has split would-be holiday-makers into "haves" and "may haves"

#### What's in the brochures

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# Quick-fire questions to test maths

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

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Meotal arithmetic tests for all pupils have been announced by ministers as part of a revised

school-testing regime.
In future, all 11 and 14-yearolds may have to answer a series of quick-fire questions as part of their national curriculum

maths tests. At the same time, English tests for seven, 11 and 14-yearolds will have a new emphasis oo basic literacy, grammar, spelling and punctuation. Controversial Shakespeare tests for 14-year-olds will continue despite protests from English

In future, parents will receive eachers. childreo's test results as standardised scores set against a national average. In the past, they have simply been told which broad curriculum level their

child has reached. The changes form part of a drive to emphasise the basics of literacy and numeracy at all

Details of the new mental arithmetic tests have not yet been determined, but the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority has been asked to consider whether they could help to measure children's mathematical abilities.

The tests would be based on simple sums which children should know by heart, and could possibly last 15 to 20 minutes. For example, the teacher might ask pupils to write down the answer to seven times nine, giving them just a few seconds to complete the task.

Meotal arithmetic is emphasised in experimental maths courses in the London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, which have attracted a great deal of attention recently. Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education. and Chris Woodhead, the Chief

Inspector of schools, have both visited Barking to look at the

Calculators are also to be withdrawn from one of the existing maths tests for 14-yearolds, bringing them into line with this year's 11-year-olds'

Making the announcement aboot next year's tests, educa-tioo minister Lord Henley said: This package of reforms will bring extra focus to basic literacy and oumeracy, increase rigour and provide more help for schools.

"These reforms are good oews for teachers and parents. They will further refine and improve the assessment regime for 1997 and beyood."

A Labour spokesman said the Government was "again catching up with Labour policy".
"Ministers still have to tell us

when they will intend to introduce another Labour idea, baseline assessment at the start of school, so that schools can bring in year-on-year targets for improvement for children from the start of primary education,"

he said. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the Government's response to the review of tests and assessment was welcome.

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He said teachers would be pleased at the central position, which would be retained for which would be retained for teachers' own assessment their pupils. But he firmation that the would publish the teachers are given five to 10 days' ootice for a hearing when dismissal proceedings are launched and not five to 10

jaunched, and not five to 10 days' notice of dismissal, as stated in the Independent on Tuesday, 2 July

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Captives in Kashmir: Terry Waite and John McCarthy join families' call for separatist rebels to release Western travellers

# 'Get rid of the problem, let the hostages go' and his girlfriend, Catherine

LOUISE JURY

The first anniversary of the capture of Western hostages by Kashmiri rebels passes today, with an appeal from the former Lebanno hostage Terry Waite for their release.

Mr Waite joined relatives of the captives in broadcasting messages of love and support to the four men, including the Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, whose whereabouts remain unknown.

Speaking on the BBC World Service yesterday, Mr Waite, formerly the Archbishap of Canterbury's special envoy, said nothing could be gained by



Captives: (from left) Dirk Hasert, Donald Hutchings, Keith Mangan, Paul Wells and Hans Christian Ostroe in Kashmir

"Get rid of the problem and Moseley, were seized at gun-point about 60 miles east of the let the men go," he said in an interview with a fellow former Kashmiri capital, Srinigar, last Beirut hostage, John McCarthy, who now presents the pro-gramme Outlook, which sus-

Mrs Mangan and Miss Mose-ley were later released, but the tained the two men through British meo were detained their own captivity.
"I am convinced that there along with an American, Donald Shelley, a German, Dirk Hasert, and a Norwegian, Hans Ostroe, by the previously un-known Al-Faran separatist are enough people in the world including myself who are pre-pared to take a fresh look at the problems facing people in that region but nn one can do any-thing while hostages are still held."

It demanded the release of Kashmiri militants from Indian jails and threatened to kill Mr Mangan, 34, an electri-cian, from Eston, near Midhostages unless their demands were met. They were not. dlesbrough, his wife, Julie, Mr

On 13 August last year, Mr Wells, 25, a photography student Ostroe was found beheaded with "Al-Faran" carved on his body. His despair was marked in a note found hidden in his underwear: "I'm dying. There's nothing to eat. There's nothing to live for.

News of the remaining hostages has remained scant with the British High Commission in Delhi working on the basis that "the hostages are very much alive" although a captured militant said they were killed on 13 December last year.

Julie Mangan yesterday re-called how she did oot even have a chance to say goodbye when she was released. "He couldn't find his coat. I bent down to give him mine and when I looked up he was walk-



Voice of experience: The former Beirut hostage John McCarthy hosting the Outlook programme yesterday reports to the effect that the

In a message she hoped her husband might hear, she said:
"I know that we are in each other's hearts and to say I love you inadequate.

"I know, Keith, that you are willing me to stay strong and you must do the same."

Sarah Wells, the sister of the mental strain of the ordeal. A hostage Paul, said: "He'll be finding it hard but he'll cope because he's a strong person.

However, the health of the hostages is expected to be poor because of the cold, poor diet, unhygienic conditions and the

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hostages are dead. Foreign Office spokesman said as much as possible was being done although there has been no direct contact with Al-Faran since last year.

"There have been a lot of mconfirmed sightings and some

Photograph: Nicholas Turpin from friends and family similar to those broadcast yesterday when they were held hostage in

"But we are still working on the assumption they're alive. We Lebanon. Today is also the 30th anhave a lot of experts there on mversary of the Outlook programme. It can be heard io the Terry Waite and John Mc-Kashmir regino. Carthy both heard messages

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# PCA backs police station cameras

**LASON BENNETTO** Crime Correspondent

The Police Complaints Authority yesterday called for closed-circuit television cameras areas of all police stations to help resolve complaints against officers.

The authority, which published its annual report yester-day, said the use of CCTV may lower the oumber of deaths in custody, of which there were 46 last year. The PCA said CCTV could remove the oced for long, costly investigations by providing conclusive evidence.

A growing number of forces are already using CCTV in stations. In Staffordshire it is fitted in all custndy suites, while in Loodan a pilot project is

running.
The PCA's acting chairman, Peter Moorhouse, said: "CCTV formal disciplinary charges vin custody suites is becoming a preferred against officers.

must for two reasons. It's a must for the protection of the detained person. And if a police force has a businesslike approach it's a must because it reduces tactical and malicious complaints, and if there are complaints it cuts down the cost of investigating, because much of the evidence will be on video

and becomes indisputable."
The PCA said investigations into complaints against Britain's 20,000 voluntary constables, or Specials, should be overseen by the authority rather than the police themselves.

The report also expressed coocerns about the presence of cameras and journalists at highprofile raids and reporters obtaining tip-offs about the arrests of celebrities.

It disclosed that the PCA reviewed 4.154 cases during 1994-95, as a result of which 253 formal disciplinary charges were

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Roger McGough's poem went live on the World Wide Web yesterday when the British Council launched its web site for the promotion of arts, language, science and technology (http://www.britcoun.org). Missing -- perforce -- is McGough's hypnotic and deadpan delivery which makes him such an outstanding poet in performance. The Liverpool Poets -McGough, Adrian Henri and Brian Patten - have receotly re-formed, a year ahead of their 30th anniversary, and are around and about with Willy Russell.

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# This object of devotion to a great saint belongs in Britain

The Becket Chasse comes up for auction today, and could be moving abroad. This is a rare and marvellous survival from the Middle Ages, and it belongs in Britain simply because it would not mean nearly so much to an

not mean nearly so much to an audience anywhere else.

Fine works of art leave Britain every year. Fra Bartolomeo's Holy Family from the Gage Collection, recently sold to the Getty Museum for £14m, is a recent grample. But few is a recent example. But few carry such a rich freight of meaning specifically for us as does this colourful and boldly designed reliquary casket.

It was probably made shortly after the brutal murder of the saint whose relics it may have once contained.

The death of Saint Thomas a Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1170 appailed the Christian world, and his shrine at Canterbury was visit-ed by countless pilgrims, including those conjured up in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. But during the Reformation, the treasuries of our great churches were stripped bare. Precious

First Person

By David Barne, Director of the National Art Collections

The Fund was the first to support the Victoria and Albert Museum in its bid to acquire the Becket Chasse, with a grant of £100,000, and has been at the forefront of the campaign to save the Chasse from being lost to the nation at auction.

idea of what was lost; this Chasse is an outstanding example.

Since the Chasse is not a

great Renaissance painting or a lush neoclassical statue, it doesn't come with a readymade fan club. This is, for most of us, unfamiliar territory. It is not a "work of art" in the modern sense; its maker would probably not have grasped the meaning of that elusive concept.

It was created as an object of religious devotion for the glorification of a great saint and martyr. Strange words these, in few works remain to give us an our secular age, but perhaps we

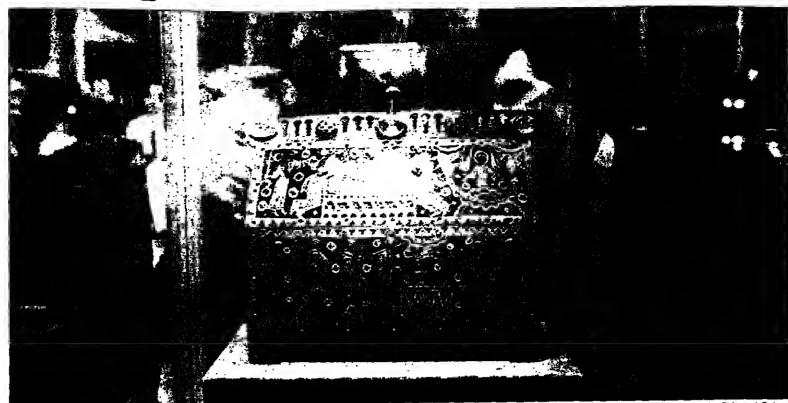
what they once meant.

The Chasse is a dramatic evocation of the stark conflict between good and cvil. The design is simple, almost crude, but so much is packed into it: the cruel murder, the stately funeral and the soul of Becket raised up to heaven by angels.

It has not been in Britain for

all of the last 50 years, so there is no prospect of the Govern-ment delaying its export to al-low time for fundraising. But few works so perfectly fulfil the criteria applied by the Export Reviewing Committee - it is an object so closely connected with our history and national life that its departure would be a misfortune"; one of aesthetic importance and outstanding cultural significance.

The Chasse was probably made for Peterborough Abbey (now Cathedral), quite possibly commissioned by Abbot Benediet, a close associate of Becket. If it stays on these shores would it not be good if it could pay an occasional visit to its old home. Peterborough, and, perhaps, Canterbury too?



Should our history be up for grabs? The Saint Thomas à Becket Chasse is up for auction and could be sold abroad

# A woman to replace Isaacs at the ROH

DAVID LISTER

A woman looks certain to take side after moving to the Na-Over the running of the Royal Opera House, in Loodon, for Opera House, in Loodon, for Richard Eyre has been the the first time. Four high-profile more high-profile artistic diwomen in the arts are being considered by the ROH board to take over as general director wheo Sir Jeremy Isaacs retires board. next year. But it is understood that the nature of the post is ed that she would not be tak-

looks likely to cootinue in that key role on the artistic side and be an important influence oo artistic policy at Covent Garden. The post of general director will become much more an admin-istrative role, with the new occupant working alongside Mr

An unofficial short-list of four leading women in the arts has been considered by the ROH board. The quartet com-prises Genista Mackintosh, executive director at the Royal National Theatre: Mary Allen, secretary-geoeral of the Aris Council; Elaine Padmore, a much- praised opera intendant and broadcaster and Ruth McKenzie who ran the Nottingham Playhouse and won it

a national repotation.

Genista Mackintosh is looking like the favourite for the job. As executive director at the Na-



Candidate: Mary Allen from

the Arts Council

tional Theatre, she has run the administrative and production tional from the RSC, while rector. A similar arrangement with Mr Payne at Covent Garden would appeal to the ROH

ing the job, but this possibility The present director of the is oevertheless not being ruled out either at the ROH or the Arts Council. Ruth McKenzie is thought to lack sufficient national experience, while Elaine Padmore, though much admired at Covent Garden, might want to continue her career as a director of operas both in Britain and abroad.

Peter Jonas, the former general director of the English National Opera (ENO), now running the Staatsoper in Mu-nich was also high on the ROH's list of desirable properties, but be is understood to be unwilling to leave Munich at

The oew general director will join at a fraught period in the ROH's history. Next year, the house closes down for two years for redevelopment.

The Royal Opera will perform at a number of London venues, including the Barbican Centre, and the Royal Ballet will perform both in London and will tour nationally and in-ternationally. Nearly 300 re-dundancies are planned because of the temporary move from Covent Garden, and the new general director will have to cope with the industrial re-lations repercussions from this.

In addition to these prob-lems, the ROH is now without

a finance director at a time when it must raise millions of pounds for its redevelopment to match the lottery money it has received. The finance director Clive Timms resigned from the Royal Opera last month for personal reasons.

# Sculptures to be put in Trafalgar

Plans to exhibit some of the best of British sculpture on an empty plinth in London's Trafalgar but our solution—which is to ry puntu in London 3 manager. Square were unveiled yesterday.

The Royal Society of Arts wants five different works to be commissioned or selected for display on the site for up to a

The five sculptures will represent a range of schools or styles of sculpture, from existing bronze to recent developments and contemporary work, and will include one Victorian sculpture, one recent sculpture and three new sculpture com-

The plan was outlined by Prue Leith, the cookery expert and writer, who now chairs the

She said: "Because people feel so strongly about art, there are passionate advocates for works from traditional bronze

ferent traditions (both existing sculptures and new commissions) in a five-year series on the plinth - has the support of the public and of the various bodies with an interest in Trafalgar

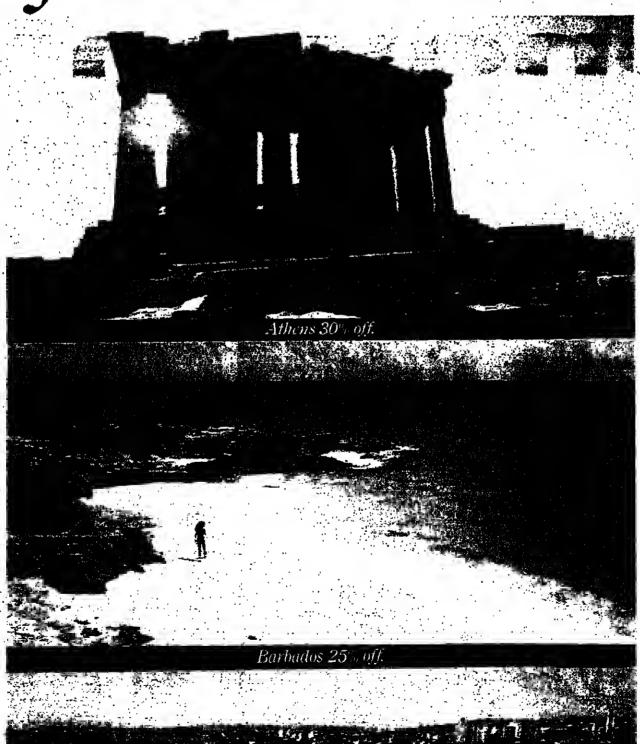
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"We are trying to put five great works of art, one at a time, on that single plinth - a plinth which has been empty for 150 years, ever since it was built, because no one could agree on what should go there."

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Predicament for Shell: Leading contractors tender proposals for safely decommissioning controversial oil storage tank



# Break-up threat to Brent Spar's final voyage

NICHOLAS SCHOON

**Environment Correspondent** 

Shell has run into a new problem as it tries to work out an acceptable way of disposing of its giant Brent Spar oil storage

A study on the 14,500-tonne structure by the engineering consultants WS Atkins has shown that the Spar would buckle and break if the cheapest and easiest technique to bring it on shore was used.

Ever since a successful Greenpeace campaign halted Shell's attempts to sink the Spar in the north-east Atlantic just over a year ago, the giant oil company has been working on different disposal options, which include bringing it ashore and breaking it up for scrap. In the meantime the struc-

ture, essentially a vast, cylindrical, crude-oil storage tank over 400ft tall, has been anchored in a deep Norwegian fjord. Shell had been considering

simply reversing the method it

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used to put the Spar into use in its Brent field, half-way between Shetland and Norway, back in the early 1970s.

This involved gradually letting sea water into its storage tanks in a controlled sequence, which turned it from floating on its side with a shallow draught (once it had been taken out of dry dock where it was built) into floating on its end.

The new study, which used advanced computer techniques not available when the Spar was designed, has shown that the Spar would almost certainly rupture its one-inch thick walls if this sequence was reversed. So if it is to be brought ashore, another method will have to be

At a press conference yes-terday, Shell UK said that 21 leading contractors from eight different nations had now received firm invitations to set out their options for disposal of the Brent Spar.

They will have to offer the best combination of minimising environmental damage, risks to disposal workers' health and

missioning manager, said the 21 contractors had not yet told Shell what they had in mind, but they had been selected on the basis of their reputation, previous experience and financial viability.

"When we get down to a shortlist of half a dozen schemes we want a spread of options." he said. "We don't want them all to involve bringing it ashore and breaking it up.

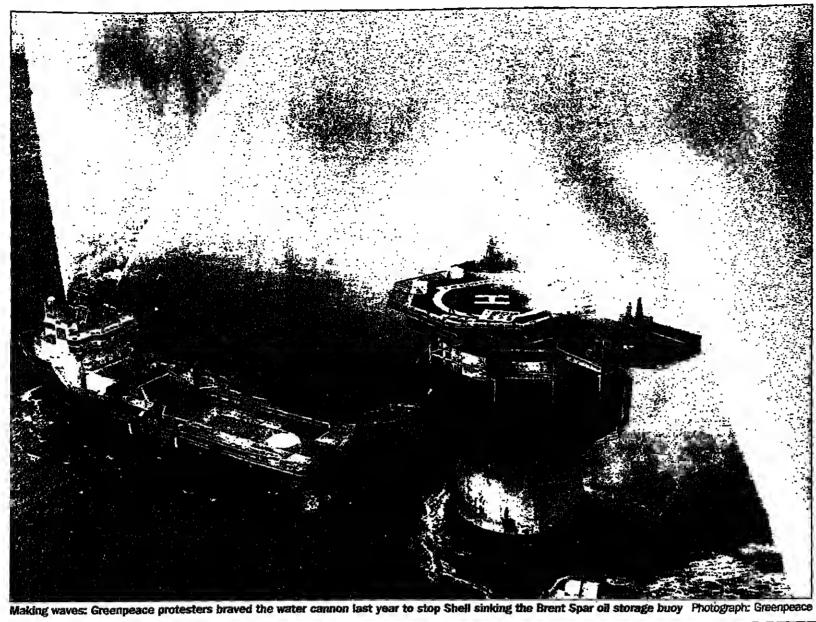
"I would hope we would get some fairly imaginative proposals which involve re-use of a large part of the structure intact, for example in a breakwater or a harbour."

He said that Shell had not ruled out the deep-sea disposal option which attracted such controversy a year ago. because that might yet prove to be the best practical environmental choice. "The world is a different place now, however, and we've had so many ideas and so much interest that I'm still reasonably optimistic we can find a better alternative." Whatever disposal option

Shell eventually decides on will have to be approved by the Government. Heinz Rothermund, Shell's exploration and production managing director, promised

tains several dozen tonnes of oily sludge, much smaller quantities of toxic metals and some mildly radioactive salts which have built up on its pipework and tank linings. There is a scientific consensus that these would pose only an extremely small threat if the structure was dumped at a depth of 7,000

feet in the Atlantic, as was originally planned.
One of the many ideas sent into Shell over the past year has been to use the Spar as a fish ranch in a Norwegian fjord. Proposed by a businessman in the fish-farming equipment business, this would involve feeding fish guts and offal from fish farms to crabs, lobsters and fish. which would congregate in huge more dialogue with pressure numbers around the sunken groups and the public in structure.



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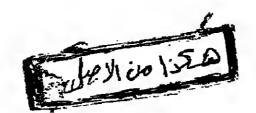




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# RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

Voices from the cities: Fears for Yeltsin's health, worries over rise of Lebed and boredom with polls erode President's support

# Weary voters bring no cheer to reform camp

**PHIL REEVES** St Petersburg

Boris Yeltsin, struggling anew with serious health problems. would have taken no cheer from the sight of his voters trudging to the polls in St Petersburg, one of his main strongholds. Many of those who braved a rain-soaked day looked as if they were being forced to take a dip in one of the chilly-looking nearby canals.

This elegant city, home to much of Russia's liberal intelligentsia, finally seems to be sick of politics. "People have had it up to here," said Yevgeny Galo-vanov, an election official, as he watched people trickle slowly into his polling station.

It's hardly surprising. In the last seven months St Petersburg has gone to the polls five times once for a parliamentary election, twice for the presidential contest and twice to determine a particularly cynical tussle for the city governor's joh.

A communal weariness, underscored by other issues, such as organised crime, a sluggish economy and liberal outrage over Mr Yettsin's handling Chechen war, was reflected in the turn-out last month. Only 62 per cent took part in the first round of the presidential election, 8 per cent less than the national average.

But if Mr Yeltsin's advisers believed that non-voters would finally rally round the President in vesterday's run-off, they may have been mistaken.

This is not because of a lack of effort by the Yeltsin camign, even though it fizzled out badly towards the end. Al-though Mr Yeltsin secured a big victory here, almost 50 per cent in the first round, his advisers know well that a low turn-out is ominous: Communist voters tend always to vote, while Mr Yeltsin's support is far less pre-dictable. They also know that St Petersburg is a bastion of Grigory Yavlinsky, the liberal

backs Mr Yeltsin. For the President to be sure of victory, many of these voters needed to be won over.

Hence, the thousands of copies of a free paper called Vote!" that have circulated in the city's metro system, carrying appeals from celebrated local writers and artists; the city's decision to arrange for graffiti to be painted on walkways, bearing technicolour warnings to the city to "Vote or Lose"; and the free travel on the city's public transport system throughout yesterday's national holiday.

Most voters knew something was amiss with Mr Yeltsin's health, although it was heavily played down by much of the media, which only made occa-sional references to his "sore throat", and latterly, his "cold". Years of Communist censorship have taught Russians to read between the lines. Like others, Vladimir Korobkov, a dancer



Secret ballot: Soldiers check a woman's bag at a polling station in Grozny, Chechnya

with the Maly Theatre, had reservations about Mr Yeltsin and has watched with alarm the rise of retired general Alexander Lebed. "The man's is a dic-

Alexander Kulakov, a driver, voted for the general in June, but yesterday decided not to turn ont. "I thought I was voting for a military man, not a would-be president. I don't like woted for Mr Yeltsin, believing

all the power he is getting," he said. "It's not democratic". In the first round, Dmitry

he would win overwhelmingly. Yesterday he supported Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist. "I would have voted for Boris Nikolayevich if it had not been for all those silly anti-

Communist movies on television." he explained. "I don't reject my past. They showed an old lady in a campaign advertisement, saying 'I live well now'. when I know she does not."

Photograph: Vladimir Svarzevich Reuter

# Brazilian soap keeps public from dachaland

**HELEN WOMACK** Moscow

two hours yesterday to watch Boris Yeltsin vote in Moscow, only to be told that he had cast his ballot beyond the glare of publicity in a village outside the city. Many quickly jumped to the worst conclusions about the health of the president, who had already aroused suspicions by dropping from view in the last days of the election campaign.

Many Russians were unaware that the Kremlin leader had failed to turn up at his usual polling station near his home in the prestigious suburb of Krylatskoye, and had voted instead



Gen Alexander Lebed: Kremlin ambitions

at Barvikha where he convalesced last year after his two heart attacks. Those who knew took the news in their stride. It was not going to influence voting decisions that they had made weeks if not months ago.

"I have voted for a person whom I do not greatly respect but who will take us forward into the future," said Larissa Sergeyevna, in her late forties, who did not want to reveal the secret of her vote but was nevertheless implying that she had chosen Mr Yeltsin. Did she know that he was apparently ill? "Ah, that's nothing," she said.
"We have got used to him disappearing from time to time. He'll be back."

She was one of only a trickle of voters at the polling station on Dostoyevsky Street in central Moscow yesterday morning. To discourage city dwellers from taking advantage of the warm weather and travelling out to their dachas instead of voting, state television was showing a triple episode of a popular Brazilian soap opera, Tropicana. Many people were evidently glued to their sets.

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But voting seemed to pick up after lunch. At 2pm there was a livelier flow of people coming from polling station No 2148 in the Akademicheskaya district of the city, and most of them said they had voted for Mr Yeltsin rather than Gennady Zyganov, the Communist leader, despite whatever health problems he

might have.

"It's not good news, of course," said Mikhail Vasin, a young businessman, "but I have think he will be okay. He's a healthy bloke, a sportsman. So what if he drinks? We all drink, don't we? And even if he has to retire, it won't be the end of the world. He has a good team around him. But Zyuganov - if he wins, that will be the end of

Olga Grigorievna, a doctor, was equally calm after voting for the incumbent president. "We're all people. We can all get colds," she said, showing more faith in the official explanation of Mr Yeltsin's absence than

most foreign observers here. One might have thought that Russians, who lived through the last days of Leonard Brezhnev, when the Kremlin made ridiculous claims that the dying leader had only minor ailment would have been more inclined to question what they were told. Perhaps strong Yeltsin supporters just did not want to contemplate the worst. For Communists, of course, news that Mr Yeltsin was not well only strengthened their determination to vote for Mr Zyuganov, who tast week was ostentatiously dancing and playing volleyball to prove he was in good health.

"I have known Yeltsin since he was in Sverdlovsk [as regional Communist leader in the Soviet era] and I can tell you that his drink problem goes back that far," said Vasily Parfyonov, a retired journalist and Zyuganov voter. "He may be trying to fight his weakness but the passion for alcohol is not curable. Russia

needs a healthy leader." If the president is forced to retire because of ill health, the constitution says the prime minister should take over pending fresh elections. But General Alexander Lebed's appointment as Mr Yeltsin's national security adviser has added a new factor. He has said he favours the revival of the post of vicepresident, and clearly aspires to the top Kremlin job for himself.

derstood that they were choosing a package which included General Lebed, a nationalist and advocate of strict law and order. Some found the situation reassuring; others did not.

"The fact that Lebed is at his side gives me more confidence to vote for Yeltsin," said Valva Zosikova, who spent last year in Cambridge. "Lebed will see that everything is all right."

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dent of computer studies, disagreed. "I'm voting for Yeltsin, not Lebed," he said. "I don't want to see Lehed com-He added, however, that he did not think this likely. "Lebed will be out in six months. He's a soldier. He's too straight to



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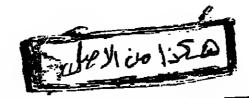
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# RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

# Yeltsin's death may spark succession crisis

Moscow — Boris Yeltsin's poor health, the focal point of interest for foreigners if not for Russians in yesterday's presidential election, raises questions as pertinent in post-Communist Russia as they were in Soviet times. How exactly does one Kremlin leader succeed another, and is there any guarantee that the transfer of pow-

er will take place smoothly? On paper, the picture is clear. The Russian ennstitution, adopted in December 1993, states that in the event of the President's death, or incapacity to fulfil his duties, his job passes temporarily to the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. The Prime Minister is then obliged to call fresh presidential elections within three months.

In practice, there is no certainty that Russia would easily surmount the upheaval pro-voked by Mr Yeltsin's premature departure from office. The constitutional mechanisms that are in place have never been tested and may count for little against a centuries-old tradition of power struggles, often violent, that have accompanied the

demise of a tsar nr party ehief. Moreover, whereas the constitution is considered almost sacred by the political classes in a country such as the United States, there is no such devotion in Russia to a document that is widely seen as having been tailor-made for Mr Yeltsin. He drew up the constitution in the aftermath of the armed upris-

A transfer of power is unlikely to be a peaceful, orderly process, writes Tony Barber

ing in the Russian parliament building in October 1993. The Many Russian political comextraordinary range of powers that it granted him at the expense of the legislature was designed to ensure that no one could mount a serious threat to a realistic prospect. Moscow has his rule again.

The fragility of Russia's constitutional orwas exposed short-

ly after the first mund of the presiden-tial election, on 16 June. when a cabal eluding the Defence Minister, the head of the former KGB and Mr Yeltsin's per-

sonal security Zyuganov: Bid for power the constitution chief were at polls could be thwarted is just a piece of

of the Kremlin on charges of trying in force the postponement of the almost t nf the election. Less than a titudes of many prominent month before that drama, Mr Yeltsin had raised doubts about is this more true than Alexanhis willingness tn abide by con- der Lebed, the nutspoken firstitutional procedures when he mer general whom Mr Yeltsin rejected a law passed by the Communist-dominated parliament that set ont the process by which he would hand over pow-

mentators believe that, despite insisting that the election should take place, Mr Yeltsin never intended to make a graceful exit from office if defeat loomed as

buzzed with rumnurs of a so-called "Plan B", according to which Mr Yeltsin would have declared a national emergency and stayed in power rathe. vacale Kremlin the for Gennady Zyuganov, his Communist

> Inevitably, the impressinn that

Russian politicians, For no one third in the election's first

Despite his lack of a genuine power hase in Mr Yeltsin's obscure Kremlin power structures, Mr Lebed has not disguised his amhition to rule Russia as soon as possible.

He proposed last week that he should be given the post of vice-president, a job which was abolished in 1993 after its then incumbent, Alexander Rutskoi, took part in the armed revult at the White Hnuse. Mr Lebed elearly sees himself as the heirapparent, constitution or nn constitution.
Other influential figures in

Mr Yeltsin's entourage are likely to take a different view, especially since Mr Lebed has revealed in the past two weeks that his apinions are much more illiberal than he indicated during his election

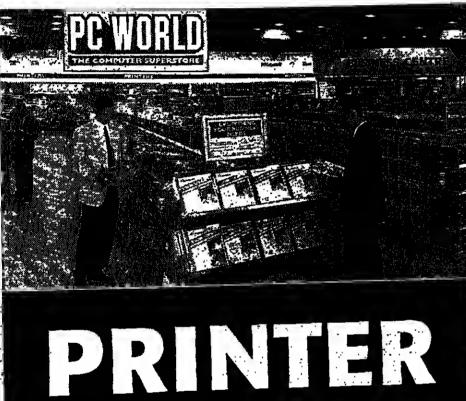
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Those who might resist a
Lehed bid for power include not only reformists, such as Anatoly Chubais, nne of Mr Yeltsin's top campaign strategists, but more centrist politicians with a taste for power and patronage, such as Mr Chernomyrdin.

Last July, when President Yeltsin suffered the first of his two heart attacks in 1995, Mr Lebed was a marginal political figure and Mr Chernomyrdin was the only plausible president-in-wailing. New Mr Lebed holds centre stage.

If Mr Yeltsin's health continues to decline it is difficult to see how Russia can avoid yel an-other of its periodic elashes for power in the Kremlin.



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# US nerves shaken by climate of uncertainty

Events have forced a White House rethink, writes Rupert Cornwell

vail in yesterday's run-off vote, his manifestly poor health, a gathering economic crisis and the sudden ascent of professed "semi-democrat" Alexander Lebed have left US policy-makers under few illusions that dealings with Russia will be trickier thar wer in a Yeltsin second term - should he manage to complete nne.

Barely a fortnight ago, the mood here was vastly more assured. Certainly the President led his Communist opponent Gennady Zyuganov by just three points, but the speed with which he co-opted Mr Lebed and evicted several hardliners from the Kremlin inner circle convinced the Clinton administration that the candidate which it had supported from the outset had wrapped matters up and Russia's "democratic" future was assured.

Since then however, that rosy scenarin has unravelled. Mr Lebed has put an authnritarian and anti-Semitic streak nn ugly display, and the White House has had to watch in embarrassed silence as Mr Yeltsin disappeared for days on end with what was, nfficially, "a cold". Visually, the recent autho-

rised images of a slow, stiff-spoken Boris Yeltsin are reminiscent of nothing so much as the Soviet Union of the early 1980s, when a procession of geriatric leaders - Brezhnev, Andropov, Chernenko - made brief, minutely choreographed appearances that raised innre questions than they answered. But, however flawed and secretive, the Soviet system was at least broadly predictable. Not so the erratic and capricinus Yeltsin regime. Even a fit Mr Yeltsin would

Even if Boris Yeltsin should pre- face mountainnus economic problems. His campaign handouts have driven the budget deficit far beyond the targets laid down by the IMF as condition of this spring's \$10bn loan, pushed through largely at US insistence. At the least, economists warn, the consequence will be a new surge in

> force anti-market, authoritarian attitudes in the country. As it is, his health seems more fragile than ever, creating uncertainty over where day-to-day power lies and (assuming he wins) offering still more leeway for Mr Lebed, a figure viewed with growing nervousness and distaste by the US.

inflation: at worst, a full-blown

financial crisis that will scare off

Western investment and rein-

One consolation for US policy-makers is Mr Lebed's opposition to the Chechen war, and his readiness to make real concessions to nbtain a genuine end to the fighting. But they doubt even a law-and-order hawk like Mr Lebed can control crime and break the power of the Mafia groups who have thrived under Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Lebed is seen as a de facin Vice-President, whose ambitinn for the top jnb makes it more than likely the two men, both domineering and instinctively authoritarian, will clash. The Lebed/Yeltsin tandem, in other words, is a recipe for in-

That likelihood, added to growing nationalism and xenophobia across the political spectrum, can only dim prospects for final ratification of arms control treaties. Washington may also find itself under great pressure to press ahead with Nalo enlargement far mnre quickly than it would like.

# The 'spy' who made a general eat his words

Alexander Lebed, who has won a reputation for controversial remarks during his short spell in the political limelight, got himself into deep water yesterday when he accused a Spanish journalist of being a spy.

Mr Yeltsin's new security supremo was farced in take back his words to appease the indignant reporter, who had asked him to explain how he would carry nut a plan to stnp Russian officials buying villas in

Spain with embezzled cash. We'll work something out.

Moscow (Reuter) — General over intn the hands of a spy?" said General Lebed. "What spy?" she asked, taken

"You - a Spanish spy," said

the general. "I am not a spy, I'm a journalist. Please take back your

words," she said. It was not elear whether General Lebed, who has a deadpan manner, was joking, but he quickly backed down.

"I take my words back ... I serinusly take back my words." said the general, who had just emerged from voting in Russia's Why should I pass all my secrets presidential election run-off.

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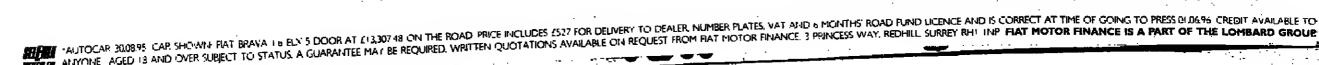
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Bastia bomb: As in Northern Ireland in the 1970s, there is a backlash against violence – but the precedent is not promising

# Corsica death spurs women's peace group

MRY DEJEVSKY

ThCorsican nationalist killed by car bomh in the city of Bastia h Mooday was buried in his oave village of Lucciana yesrday evening with full para-milary honours.

Itspite appeals from police comando unit from the paramilary FLNC-Canal Histhe offin before it was lowered intche grave. Pierre Lorenzi was leader of the movement's polical from organisation, Conulta.

Te oational secretary of Conulia, Charles Picri, believa to have been the main targe of the attack in which 14 oth people were hurt, suffered extesive injuries, as did a third me ber of Conculta, They wer leaving the offices of their company, a security firm, when

theomb exploded. lith politicians in Paris still shoked by the force of the attac the first in Corsica's receot hipry of violence to have injuid indiscriminately, the offiel line was "firmness". A doen or so known nationalists wee detaioed io Corsica ownight, and the chief of the Frach national police force, Clude Guéant, was dispatched toBastia from Paris. One glimmer of hope has

been provided over the past six tionalists have split many times mooths by a women's peace movement, similar in origins and sentiments to the womeo's peace movement in Ireland and founded by women who have lost - or who fear losing husbands and sons.

The Manifesto for Life was officially founded in January, thathe fuoeral should be held and comprises a mixture of nain acordance with the law, a tive-born Corsicans and women who have settled io the island. Amoog the Manifesto's tortue fired three shots over founders was Laetitia Sozzi, aged 30, whose husband Robert, a member of the FLNC -Canal Historique had beco murdered after questioning the links between the group and "dirty money" circulating in the build-

ing sector in Corsica. The women say that they "re-ject the establishment of a system based oo terror" and insist that "no one should have cause to fear ... because of the vio-lence of a minority. To the amazement of many who are inured to Corsican violence, their demonstrations regularly at-tract more than 1,000 people.

More than 48 hours after the attack, bowever, oo group had admitted responsibility for the bomb, and police were enforcing a news blackout on any leads. In the resulting vacuum, all manner of theories circulated. The most popular centred on political, personal or business rivalries. Lorenzi was a business partner of Charles Pieri. The naover, and have directed as much violence against each other as against French targets.

In Corsica, however, a spokesman for the Movement for Self-Determination, the political froot of FLNC-Canal Habituel, the main nationalist rival to Conculta, condemned the killing and denied any connection with it. The condemnation seemed to quash one theory, that the cur bomb was a revenge attack for the murder 10 months ago of one of the Movement's leaders. Pierre Albertini.

A more sinister theory, advanced by a spokesman for yet another nationalist group, the Accolta Naziunale Corsa, was that none of the oationalists was directly involved and the attack was a staged "provocatioo" from outside. "Outside" could mean opposents of nationalism in Corsica, or even - though this was not stated openly - in-spired by Paris. He said it was "inconceivable" that oationalists could direct such violence

against each other. The horror that marked the first public and political responses to the Bastia bomb had given way by yesterday to a strange mixture of pessimism and perverse optimism. Pessimists regarded the bomb as a harbinger of worse to come. They also predicted a disastrous summer for the island's tourism, its chief source of income.



# Euphoria that turned to acrimony

DAVID MCKITTRICK

The phenomenon of the women's peace movement which swepi Northern Ireland in the 1970s provides an unpromising precedent for the campaigners now being organised in Corsica.

The Belfast-based Peace People, as they were known, went through a euphoric phase in which they were able to assemble tens of thousands at buge outdoor rallies. Within a who was a close personal friend

organisation fell apart amidst public and internal acrimony.

The movement survives to this day, but is now a small-scale organisatioo which, although it supports cross-community initiatives at local level, attracts little national interest.

The organisation emerged from a wave of anger and grief generated by the deaths of three children in a car chase in west Belfast in August 1976. An IRA member, Danny Lennon,

short period, however, the of Sinn Fein president Gerry came public figures. But the mooey was put. Betty Williams organisation fell apart amids! Adams, was driving a getaway movement came under criticism moved to the United States Adams, was driving a getaway car when be was shot by a soldier. The vehicle weot out of control, careeriog on to a pavement and killing three

young sisters. In the aftermath of the incident two local women, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, the children's aunt, called on people to reject terrorism. The movement quickly snowballed, attracting international publicity. The two women woo the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize and be-

from both paramilitary groups and conventional politicians.

As the months passed, the initial hope and fervour of the Peace People ebbed, while the generalised desire for peace became more complicated as it adopted its own positions on

There followed a period of internal arguments and persooality clasbes, and there was damaging criticism about the uses to which the Nobel Prize

while Mairead Corrigan cootinues with her peace work in Belfast.

Years later, when a television company made a programme to mark the anniversary of the movement's foundation, the two womeo preferred not to appear on screen together.

The Peace People are remembered in Belfast as a transient phenomenon which begao with promise but did

# question of one's vintage

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and if it really was a highso nt, the chances are that a would be served. Wine sumption is increasing by is and bounds, which is not when you consider that hiland's most distinctive alolic beverage; Mekoog hisky, is anything but subtle the palate.

Vine may be a fad in Thai-

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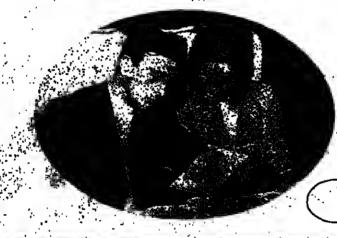
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# West Bank jobless eke out living from trash

PATRICK COCKBURN

Jawad held up a pair of worn plimsolls to show he was having a good day. He had fouod them in the heaps of rotting rubhish at Azzariya, the main garbage dump for Jerusalem where hundreds of unemployed Palestinians have gathered every day since Israel sealed off the West Bank.

There used to be just 10 or 20 people who came here. says Adel, 19, dressed in a dirty T-shirt. "Now there are between 500 and a thousand people who come because they have no money to buy food for their children." As each garbage truck disgorged its load, people surged forward in search of

food, clothing and scrap metal. Most of the Palestinians who claw through the rubbish at Az-zariya used to work in Israel.

Aviv. Now I am here from five in the morning." At one time 174,000 Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank were working in Israel, mainly in construction and agriculture.

Israel had sealed off the West Bank before, but after two suicide bombs exploded in Jerusalem and Ashkelon oo 25 Fehruary the West Bank was isolated as never before. Israeli employers were threatened with heavy fines if they employed any West Bank Palestinians. Some 210,000 Rumanians, Thais and Turks have replaced Palestinians on Israeli construction sites.

The Azzariva dump is easy to find. You follow garbage trucks past the outskirts of Jerusalem through the village of Azzariya into an enormous sandy hollow. Even before they stop you are hit by the stench of the rubbish heaps. Beside a cliff face there was a huddle of donkeys waiting to take away anything of val-

On the scrapheap: Palestinians scavenging for a living risk death and injury A Palestinian manager in to death by a truck." In half an charge of the dump, who did not want to give his name, said: "About 1,000 tons of ruhhish come here everyday. It is dan-

hour our car was covered in a fine layer of dirt. It is possible that the people of the Azzariya dump may soon

see a small improvement in

Minister, is expected to decide today if the closure will be eased. This might ultimately allow 50,000 to 60,000 Palestinian workers to enter Israel. But only workers over 25 will be given permits and most of the people at Azzariya are in their late teens or early twenties.

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accords. For them the years of the "peace process" have brought economic misery. In the last 12 months per capita mcome for Palestinians on the West Bank has falleo by 20 per cent. It is not difficult at

Not surprisingly nobody at the dump spoke about the Oslo men squabble over a choice garbage bag, to understand why Jamas and Islamic Jihad find it easy to recruit snicide

Ibrahim, 15, looking pleased that he had found an uneaten roll with some lettuce in it, said

he did not think anythir would get better. He said thathe 14 members of his family ere on the edge of starvation ad the dump was their last resrt.

Later in the afternoone was expecting his mother andather to join him in searching trough





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# Hungary to give £19m in WFICAL atonement for Holocaust

IMRE KARACS

Hungary became the first country in Eastern Europe yesterday to atone for its part in the Fi- regime in 1989, the priories nal Solution by agreeing to shifted once again. The faculcompensate survivors of the ing conservatives were quicto Holocaust.

Nearly 60 years after the Paris Peace Treaty bound Budapest to offer compensation to victims of Nazism, the government pledged to set up a foundation with capital of 4bn forints (£19m).

"We are satisfied because, given the country's current ecooomic plight, this settlement goes beyond a mere gesture," said Gusztav Zoltai, Director of the Association of Jewish Communities in Hungary. "It will also serve as an example for the other countries in the region which have yet to take similar steps." Mr Zoltai's organisation will

contribute to the fund by selling some of the Jewish property returned by the state under a previous law compensating religious groups. A further sum is to he provided by a branch of the World Jewish Organisation. "This accord brings several

years of negotiations almost to their cooclusion," said Mr Zoltai. "I say 'almost', because parliament must still approve the package in the autumn."
Passage of the bill in the legislature, where the governing coalition has an overwhelming

majority, is virtually assured.
The Hungarian parliament had undertaken a similar commitment in 1946, but did not deliver oo its promise; at first the country was bankrupt, then the Communists took over in 1949. Even though - or because - the Communists were led by Jews until 1956, the issue of compensation was swept under the carpet. Token payments from

tributed - and in many ces misappropriated - by the Cn-

munist authorities. After the fall of the id return conus Christian churches, but Jas were kept waiting. In 193, Holocaust survivors won a 11ing from Hungary's Constntional Court forcing ac government to pay compesa-tion, but still the authoritierefused to reach into their pocits.

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Their tight-fistedness cincided with an upsurge of creive historiography in government circles which attempted trabsolve Hungary of responsibility for the murder of an estimated 600,000 Jews during thevar. The deportations to corentration camps and summa excountry was occupied by jer-man troops in 1944, but thmachinery of oppressioowas manned mainly by Hungrian fascists. There are estimated to be between 80,000 and 10,000 Jews still living in Hungar.

The compensation pacage which the government and ewish organisations stress is mly "partial", is intended to hel the most oeedy. It will supplement the pensions of Jews aged ver 70, and descendants of ews who perished in the dath camps will be partially om-pensated for family properties lost during the war. The deawill oot, however, prevent Folo-caust survivors from presing their individual property claims

with the government. Schools, hospitals and Jevish charities also will be fundel by the foundation, which wil be headed by Ronald Laude, Hungarian Jew, and son of the cosmetics tycoon Estée Lander

#### Two sides claim victory in South African poll

Durban (AP) — The Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party won the most votes in last week's local government elec-tions in KwaZulu-Natal province, according to nearly complete results.

The rival African National Congress (ANC) won control of governing councils in the province's largest cities, including Durban. With 44 per cent of the more than 3 million registered voters casting ballots, Inkatha received 44.5 per cent of the vote compared to 33.2 per cent for the ANC.

Both sides claimed victory, with Inkatha saying it had proved itself the strongest par-ty in KwaZulu-Natal while the ANC said it had won administrative control of the province's largest budgets.

In the pation's first all-rac electioo in 1994, Inkatha wo just over half the KwaZuld Natal vote to gain control of the provincial government.

The local elections comple ed the transformation of Sout Africa to a democratic govern ment. Most of the rest of the country held their local go ernment voting last November, but political wrangling at violence twice delayed the KwaZulu-Natal elections.

Inkatha won 74 per ceot rural council seats compared 21 per cent for the ANC, whi the ANC won almost 33 p cent of urban council seats just under 19 per cent f Inkatha. In Durban, the AN won half the city council sea while inkatha gained just und



# Colombia fears US strike on drug barons

PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

Perhaps too many Colombians have read Tom Clancy's bestselling novel, Clear and Preserv Danger, or have seen the popular film version starring Harrison Ford. But the rumour sweeping Colombia this week was that American troops were planning a surgical strike against Colombia's drug lords.
In the novel, the Americans

use a laser-guided air-to-ground missile and clandestine ground forces in an attempt to wipe out the cocaine barons. In the rumour, they use laser-guided weapoos and troops on the ground, but do oot try to kill the drug lords. Instead, they snatch the leaders of the Cali cartel from Colombian jails and whisk them back to the US for trial.

So strong was the rumour. partly fuelled by a new US acti-carcotics operation in the region - dubbed Operation Laser Strike - that security was stepped up at various prisons.

It began last week when the US Attorney-General, Janet Reno, requested the extradition of the three top Cali drug lords currently in jail, ignoring the fact that Colombia's 1991 constitution bars extradition. Colombian President Ernesto Samper's re-

oped into a war of words after number of its members are a memo from the US ambassador in Bogota, Myles for allegedly taking cocaine Frechette, was leaked to the Washington Post. In it, Mr Frechette suggested keeping Mr Samper "as invisible as pos-sible" and revoking his US visa because of alleged past links with the Cali cartel. The visa of Colombia's ambassador to Mexico, Gustavo de Greiff, a former prosecutor-general, had already been revoked at the weekend as

a result of similar suspicions. Washington polotedly refrained from denving the veracity of the Frechette memo.

Mr Frechette had previously angered his hosts by saying he had been "tailed" by Colombian secret service agents and that embassy phones were bugged.

The Colombian foreign ministry respooded angrily to Mr Frechette's memo oo Tuesday. faxing a statement to news organisations around the world saying it was "profoundly concerned by the mutual crisis of confidence" with the US, which could "threaten Colombia's democratic stability".

Mr Samper was cleared last month by Congress, the only hody which could try him for allegedly accepting millions of dollars of cocaine proceeds for his 1994 election campaign. ply? "No way."

But Congress is controlled by his ruling Liberal Party and a large

themselves under investigation proceeds. Polls show most Colombians believe Mr Samper should have been impeached.

Colombia's influential Roman Catholic church weighed in this week, questioning his in-nocence and describing the country as "morally sick" Pedro Rubiano, Archbishop

of Bogota, became a focal point for criticism of Mr Samper earlier this year. He said the president's claim not to have known that millions of dollars were entering his campaign from the Cali cartel was "like saying an elephant walked through your living room and you never no-



Disaster zone: A policeman rescues victims in the flooded city of Guiyang in southern China. Torrential rains and raging floods have killed more than a hundred people, destroyed tens of thousands of homes and swamped huge areas of farmland

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# SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The world's largest platinum producer, South Africa's Rustenburg Platinum Mines, has dismissed thousands of striking workers who defied a court order to return to

work, a company official said yesterday.

The mine owners, Anglo American Platinum Corp Ltd.
(Amplats), said it had dismissed 3,600 workers yesterday. after sacking 13,000 miners out of a total workforce of 28,000 on Monday. The mine, 90 miles north-west of Johannesburg, said it was losing 13.5 million and (£1.9m) a day as a result of the strike which began on Thesday last week Renter - Johannesburg

The leader of eastern Germany's post Communicity is to be guilled by parliament about his alleged lights with the Stasi. Gregor Gysi, the Bundestag leader of the Party of Democratic Socialism, is accused of maintaining links with: the east German security service for 10 years up total 1989; while he worked as a lawyer defending dissidents: Mr Gysi's deputy, Christa Luft, is also under investigation, and both might have to give up their seats if the accusations are backed up by evidence. Imre Karucs - Boun

A 57-year-old father sentenced to a life term six years ago in the first US court case to involve the use of repressed memory" was to walk free yesterday. Prosecutors said they would not seek to retry George Franklin. found guilty of murder by a unanimous jury vote in 1990 after his achilt daughter claimed to have suddenly remembered his killing of her childhood playmate 20 years before.

A US judge overturned Mr Franklin's conviction last year, saying he had not had a fair trial and citing evidence that his daughter, Eileen Franklin-Lipster, 29, could have picked up details of her friend's death from newspapes

cuttings. Tim Cornwell - Los Angeles

An autopsy performed on Margaux Hemingway failed to answer lingering questions about why the model turned actress died alone in her beachside apartment. The examination was unremarkable and did not reveal any indication of trauma or foul play," the coroner's office said in a statement on Tuesday. Toxicological tests were ordered and it will be at least two weeks before they are completed. The coroner's office said. AP — Santo Monica

Thirty-times people were still seriously III in bospital yesterday after a Ukrainian tram crash which killed 32 people on Thesday. Altogether 121 people were hort in the accident. President Leonid Kuchma declared yesterday a day of mourning as flags flew at half-mast in Kiev and other Ukrainian cities. Remer - Kiev

India's federal police said they had charged three for-leigners and an Indian with running a child production ring through an orphanage in the seaside tourist haven of Goa. A spokesman said that between 1980 and 1991, the accused were alleged to have procured 27 boys from poor families and used the orphanage in the western state as a front for a prostitution ring. The police said charges were filed last week against an Indian doctor, an Australian, a New Zealander and a Swede. Renter - New Delhi

hing has executed 1,000 people in his the first two Cmonths of a crime crackdown and Amnesty International said Peking looked set to break its own record this. year for carrying out the world's most executions. The human rights group urged China yesterday to halt the wave of what it called "state killing". Ranter Pring

been told the treatment they seek is medically legiti-mate, but can't be carried out because Japanese society is not ready for it. A medical ethics committee at Saitama Medical College, west of Tokyo, made national headlines by becoming the first such group to accept sex change as a legitimate medical treatment for people with a permanent desire to change their sex. AP - Tokket

bare-handed mosquito-killing said a lack of insects had forced them to cancel the event, "Hardly any of the necessary live games equipment imosquitoes has been found in the region," organisers of the World Championships in Mosquito Killing, staged in the Lapland village of Pelkosenniemi, said. A spokesman said a cold summer pelkosenniemi, said. A spokesman said a cold summer might be to blame. Up to 40 contestants have fit the past stripped to the waist in a challenge to square Renter.

# obituaries/gazette

# The Right Rev Ross Hook

In 1939, Ross Hook and Maurice Wood were the redoubtable second-row forwards in the rugger side at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. After ordination, they both went on to be RNVR chaplains, were both decorated on active service and both in due course became diocesan bishops.
Hook remained a robust and

energetic figure for the whole of his active ministry. He was a "man's man" and laity warmed to him as a human being who was approachable and tremen-dous fun. His roots were in Kent where his family had long as-sociations with Romney Marsh. He was an enthusiastic cricketer and was oever happier than when watching Kent playing on home ground at Canterbury.

In 1980, Dr Robert Runcie became Archbishop of Canterbury. He sooo saw that the rapidly increasing demands coming upoo him as Primate, both internationally and nationally, made it imperative that he should not only devolve some of his responsibilities on

should have at Lambeth an experienced bishop in whom those in Whitehall and Parliameet would have confidence and with whom the Diocesan Bishops would be happy to consult. He invited Ross Hook. by then Bishop of Bradford, to undertake what was a pioneer appointment. The fact that the office of

Bishop at Lambeth is now an accepted post on the Archbishop's staff, is due in no small measure to Hook, who had the grace to relinquish the independence of a diocesan bishop and to serve the Archbishop as his "Chief of Staff" and as an assistant bishop of Canterbury. His soundness of judgment as well as his refusal to be fussed or to appear as over-husy, meant that wheo he retired from Lambeth it was to everyone's regret.

Ross Hook was the son of a postmaster. He was educated at Christ's Hospital and at Peterhouse, Cambridge. After train-

senior members of the House ing for the ministry he was of Bishops, but also that he ordained in 1941 to his only curacy at New Milton in Hampshire. In 1943 he volunteered as an RNVR chaplain and served with the Royal Marines, land-ing with 43 Commando at Anzio. He was the only RNVR chaplain to win an MC, which he did while serving with the Marines in Yugoslavia.

After the war, he returned to Cambridge as Chaplain at Ridley Hall, where his war experience stood him in good stead with an older generation of students who had embarked on training for ordination after being demobilised. One of his students, an ex-Royal Marine, recalls that Hook, who was re-sponsible for teaching church history, managed to keep one lecture ahead of his lively audieoce. He had the reputation of being a great leg-puller, but his penetrating and always kindly humour was especially appreciated by those who found it difficult to adjust to the routine of lectures and chapel

services after war service.

his first living at Chorlton-cum-Hardy in Manchester diocese, before returning south in 1952 to be Rector and Rural Dean of Chelsea and to live in a large gracious rectory with an immense garden by Londoo standards. It was a great inheritance, and catching the spirit of the post-war world Hook established an informal and personal ministry which woo him

many friends. In 1961 he left Londoo to return to Kent as a Canon Residentiary of Rochester Cathedral and as director of post-ordination training for the diocese. He had the oversight of oearly 100 curates and he was also on the staff of Rochester Theological College which had been established for the training of older men from industry and the professions, most of whom had little academic background.

These men warmed to Hook's relaxed and friendly approach but soon learned that he had high expectations for

Three years later, he went to them and little patience with indiscipline or disorder. He was an examining chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester as he was later to the Bishop of Lincoln who, in 1965, nominated him to be the Suffragan Bishop of

After only seven years in Lincolnshire, Hook was translated to Bradford. He was quickly at home in the West Riding where his robustness and by those with little interest in ecclesiastical affairs. After he had moved South again, as Runcie's "Chief of Staff", Bradford University conferred an honorary

degree upon him. In 1984, after four years at Lambeth Palace, Hook retired to his beloved Romney Marsh and began to rejoice again in the Kent countryside and in Kent cricket. Sadly, after a few years, he suffered a stroke which eventually led to his moving out of the county.

him to the full in all his demanding appointments and in the more restricted years after his retirement and illness. She survives him as do his daughter and his son, known to many television viewers as an expert on pictures through the BBC's Anaques Roadshow.

+ David Say

Ross Sydnes Hook, priest born 19 February 1917; ordained deacon 1941, priest 1942; MC 1945; Chaplain, Ridley Hall, Cambridge 1946-48; Rector, Charlton-cum-Hardy, Manches-ter 1948-52; Rector and Rural Dean, Chelsen 1952-61; Chap-lain, Chelsen Hospital for Women 1954-61. St Luke's Hospital, Chelseo 1957-61; Residentian; Canon of Rochester and Pre-centor 1961-65; Bishop Suffragan of Grantham 1965-72; Bishop of Brudford 1972-80; Chief of Staff to Archbishop of Canterbury 1980-84: Assistant Bishop, Dio-cese of Canterbury 1981-94: mar-ried 1948 Ruth Biddell (one son, Ruth Biddell, who supported Oorset 26 June 1996.



Hook: chief of staff to Archhishop Runcie



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In 1970, when I was about to leave the Conservative Research Department for the Speciator, Michael Fraser invited me to lunch. I was suitably flattered, since he was the deputy chairman of the party, and I was a simple desk officer in my department's (then) offices in Old Queen Street, Naturally, therefore, I accepted the invitation.

"Which club, dear boy?" he said. I was a trifle confused by that. Belonging to oo club myself, I had rather assumed that we would be eating at that great hannt of Tory grandees, the Carlton. While I hesitated, he decided to help me.

"Retween us." he said. "my hrother and I belong to 10 clubs. We dine, or lunch, at one or the other together each month. Pick your club." We settled for St Stepheo's. When we were enjoying pre-prandial drinks, Fraser looked around with a certain air of satisfaction. "Nice little place, this," he said. "Now, you're a good trencherman. Shall we have two hottles

of wine? Yes, we shall." Lest this story suggests the picture of a hibulous man, I should mention, immediately, Fraser's method of conducting husiness. He always carried with him a small traveller's of departmental officers while clock. At the outset of a meet-

ing he would set the clock. The moment it pinged, the meeting was over. It did not matter whether he had two people, or a dozen, with him: if you had not made your point within his designated time, you had lost your

He was the most awesomely efficient man with whom I have ever worked. And, in effect, he ran the machinery of the Conservative Party for many years. It was said of him, for example, that he used to slip around from Conservative Central Office, in Smith Square, to Old Queen Street to check on the in-trays they were out to lunch. He is

also renowned for having turned down the applications for jobs at the Research Department by Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, on the grounds that both men were

Lord Fraser of Kilmorack

Communist agents". Michael Fraser was an Aberdonian, and carried with him, throughout his life, a good deal of the character of that city of granite. He eojoved no privieges, for his parents were poor. He volunteered for war service m 1939, and emerged from the conflict as a colonel. He said that his upbringing in Aberdeen Grammar School was more important to the development of his life than was the Army,

er young men in 1946, he found himself without a job. Following native political instincts, he applied to the Conservative Party. His gifts for organisation and diplomacy were quickly recognised, and he rose from a junior job at the Research Department to the deputy chairmanship of the party. All along, he enjoyed the absolute confidence of the leaders of his party, for his discretion was complete, and his silence as to

in any event, like many oth-

any indiscretions absolute. John Biffen once suggested that Fraser would make an admirable Secretary to the Cabinet. The idea was put to the man

in 1970, just after the general election. He turned it down immediately. "I serve the party," he said, "not some bloody state." Yet, when I last saw him at a drinks party at Conservative Ceotral Office, and asked

him whether he felt at all nos-talgic he replied, "For this dump? Not bloody likely." In his retirement Michael Fraser enjoyed many things. His directorships - notably of Glazo - brought financial security; and his involvement with the Opera House, and Covent Garden generally, gave him peace after years of disci-

Patrick Cosgrave

Richard Michael Fraser, party political administrator born 4berdeen 28 October 1915: MBE (Mil) 1945, CBE 1955; Kt 1962; Deputy Chairman. Conservative Party Organisation 1964-75: Secretary, Conservative Leader's Consultative Committee (Shadow Cabines) 1964-70, 1974-75; Deputy Chairman, Conservative Party's Advisory Committee on Policy 1970-75; created 1974 Baron Fraser of Kilmorack; married 1944 Chloë Drummond pline. Anybody who worked (one son and one son deceased); with him will remember him died London I July 1996.

## **Paul Peter Piech**

Some remarkable individuals rector for W.S. Crawfords Adkeep on believing, throughout vertising. In retrospect it may their lives, that the world could seem an odd choice of profeschange for the better. The artist and printer Paul Peter Piech was campaigner but what interestone such man. He was born in ed Piech, quite apart from the Brooklyn in 1920, the son of thrill of deadlines to which he Ukrainian immigraots looking could apply his boundless enfor a new way of life in Amer- ergy, was the chance to comica. From their tough example municate to as wide an Piech learnt both to work hard and to speak out when it mattered. His books and posters confront the viewer with the Avery Ltd, the scales manufacneed for global responsibility and co-operation. One piece borrows the words of John Doone, "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved io mankind."

Piech studied at the Cooper Unioo College of Art, New York. In 1937 he went to work as a graphic artist at Dorlands Advertising Agency under Herbert Bayer. Duriog the Second World War he was posted to Cardiff with the Uoited States Eighth Army Air Force. Among his duties, he was called upon to paint images of glamorous biondes oo to the front of the aircraft - to match the planes'

affectionate female nicknames. In Wales he met Irene Tomkins, a young nurse and midwife. Wheo asked if she would like to return to New York as a G1 bride she replied. "No thanks." So Piech stayed in Britain and they were married in 1947. A GI education grant enabled him to study further at the Chelsea College of Art. Between 1951 and 1968

audience as possible. He made his name in advertising circles with a campaign for W. & T. turers of Birmingham. In all his work he showed a gift for designs that compelled the viewer to look hard and disentangle

In 1959 Piech was keen to find a way of disseminating the kind of information that had no place in a profession geared to promoting Supersoft shampoo. To this end he set up his own press. the Taurus Press. Over the oext decade he accumulated a Gem proofing press and other commercially redundant letterpress printing equipment. In the early years he used metal type to set his texts but he became increasingly attached to his own rough and expressive

linocut lettering. He printed his linocut images alongside the wise words of Joho F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King or the crass boasts of Richard Nixon. In 1979 the American Embassy protested at Piech's treatment of the United States flag. He had turned it sideways to illustrate it as prison bars above the caption "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land



REMEMBER SOUTH ARKO

of liberty". When, however, he produced a poster of Nixon with the word "Dicktator" inscribed ahove his head, it was purchased by the Library of



Hollywood mogul, 1885; Gertrude Lawrence (Gertrud Alexandra Dag-mar Lawrence Klasen), actress, 1898;

Eric Gill once defined the pri-vate press as a press which Never a recluse, he always prints solely what it chooses made time to stop work and rather than what its customers talk, whether to supermarket demand. The Taurus Press excashiers or the curious passersemplified the kind of contribu- by who peered into his "press tion that a private press con moon", make to modern society. It Piecl fundis: the sayings of Jesus Christ car drivers, Ugly Pieces of Metal (1975), was produced with a text by William J. Leahy. This offers no reminders of green and pleasant lands but unsettles the viewer with its urban depictions of traffic jams and

road rage.
The University of Salzburg was to take a particular interest in Piech's work and published some of his later books. including a collecton of John Gumey's poems, Coal, a Sonnet Sequence (1994), with Piech illustrations. This publication marked the closure of Tower Colliery, the last coalmine in

From 1968 Piech worked freelance as a graphic artist but he also taught in numerous art schools including Chelsea, the Loodoo College of Printing and Leicester, where he reput-edly made the artist Edward Bawden flinch by insisting on re-ferring to him as "Eddy". Piech loved the contact with young

dence Day in the United States of

America and the Feast Day of St Andrew of Crese, St Bertha of Blangy,

Piech did not crave the pernever ignored history, it to feet studio. He was happy to published management partitions mark in garages. In his series of works by William Blake for in-suburban homes, in Middlesex. stance, not to mention De Pro- Herefordshire and Wales, he would spend evenings cutting (1972), but it did not trade on his lettering direct on to the lino, a book-collector's nostalgia for whilst keeping one eye on Coroa long-lost and idyflic past. A. nation Seed. It was a family joke hilarious book on the horror of the faristmas Day ended at 10 in the morning. Once the presents were open Piech went back to his proofs.

His fellow printer and writer Kenneth Hardacre once described the urgency of Piech's output as that of "a man whose need to communicate his faith and his fears was so pressing that it often appeared to be impatient with the very means he had chosen for expressing that

In oor current climate of fin de siècle despair at the state of the world Paul Peter Piech stood out as a man who knew how to turn any anger about man's inhumanity to man into creative work with a disturbing social message.

Lottie Hoare

Paul Peter Piech, artist and printer: born Brooklyn, New York II February 1920; married 1947 Irene Tomkins (one daughter); died Porthcawl, Mid-Glamorgan 31 May 1996.



## Births. & Deaths

Piech worked as an artistic di-

BIRTHS

BEAZLEY-LONG: On 26 June to Sally (née Newport) and Graham a daughter, Anna June, a sister for Alexander. BRAMLEY: To Steven and Ann.

Nathan Guy, a brother for Max and Felix, on 28 June at John Raddliffe Hospital. Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & HEATES should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 to fixed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged at \$6.59 a line (VAT extra).

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Date of Edinburgh, Chancellor, visits the Na-ultics of Science and Engineering and Divising a Edinburgh, University. The Princess Rivial, Patron, British Executive Service Overteens, attends as an nual reception at the Process and Commonwealth Office, London SWI; so President, the Princess Royal Turks for Careta, attends a meeting of the Communic of Tinsteers at 31 Newpaie Street. Lon-don EC! The Dates of Glonester presents the Outcom's Awards for Export to Parkinsa Consul-tants at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Lon-don SWI. The Datess of Glonester presents in-on and Datestable N/SS Trust. Luton. Bestron-ster, and opens the Dischalify Resource Centre, Dunstable. Bedfordstire. Princess Alexandra 12-tereds a Direct and Recommental Control of the Control of Control and Control of Control of

Changing of the Guard Household Caralty Mounted Regiment is the Oncen's Life Courd at Harm Chartin, 1st Battshow Works Guards mounts the "I Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11,70cm, provided by the Collaborating Guards. Birthdays

Prince Michael of Kent, 54; King Tau-fa'ahau Tupou IV of Tonga, 78; The Duke of Abercorn, Lord-Lieutenant of Co Tyrone, 62; M René Arnoux, Grand Prix driver, 48; Lord Barber, former Chancellor of the Enchequer, 76; Mr Alec Bedser, cricketer, 78; Mr Eric Bedser, cricketer, 78; Mr Tony yan den Bereh, writer and broadvan den Bergh, writer and broad-caster, 80; Dr Roger Berry MP, 48; Mr Richard Clothier, chief executive, Dalgety, 51; Mr Barry Field MP, 50; Mr Alastair Goodlad MP, Parliamentary Secretary, HM Treasury and Government Chief Whip, 53; Lord Hankey, former diplomat, 91; Mr Roy Henderson, baritone, 97; Mr David Jensen, television presenter, 46; Miss Gina Lollobrigida, actress, 69; The Hon Francis Mande, former Government Minister, 43; Sir George Newman, High Court judge, 55; Sir Paul Scoon, former Governor-General of Grenada, 61; Miss Pam Shriver, tennis player, 34; Mr Neil Simon, playwright, 69; Professor Sir Michael Stoker, former President, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 78; Mr Colm Welland, actor and playwright, 62; Lord Wyatt of Weeford, chairman, Horserace Totalisator Board, 78.

Anniversaries Births: Jean-Pierre Blanchard, balloonist, 1753: Nathaniel Hawthome. author, 1804; Giuseppe Garibaldi, ttalian leader, 1807; Dr Thomas John Barnardo, philanthropist, 1845; Francis Montague (Frank) Holl, portrait painter, 1845; Walter Greaves, painter, 1840; James Anthony Builey, circus proprietor, 1847; Joseph Permell, eigher and author, 1860; Hugo Winckler, Assyriologist, 1863; John Calvin Coolidge, 30th US President, 1872; Louis Burt Mayer,

Daniet Louis Armstrong, jazz trum-peter and singer, 1900: Lionel Trilling, author and educationist, 1905. Deaths: Bencivieni di Pepo St Elizabeth of Portugal, St Odo of Canterbury, St Ulric of Angeburg and The Martyrs of Dorchester. (Giovanni Cimabne), painter, 1302; Ortelius (Abraham Oertel), cartog-Lectures rapher, 1598; William Byrd, organ-ist and composer, 1623; Samuel Richardson, novelist, 1761; Richard National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis "Summer Loving (i): Niccoto dell'Abate, The Death of Eurydice", Cosway, miniature painter, 1821; Victoria and Albert Museum: Mar-tin 'Harrison, "William Morris: stained glass and church decoration", John Adams, second US President, 1826; Thomas Jefferson, third US President, 1826; James Monroe, fifth US President, 1831; Viscomte François-René de Chateaubriand, Tate Gallery: Clement Page, "Eduardo Paolozzi", 1pm. British Museum: Susan Woodford, tician and writer, 1848; Marie Curie (Marja Sklodowska), che 1934; Suzanne Lenglen, tennis play-er, 1938; Louis Wain, illustrator of cats, 1939; Wadyslaw Sikorski, prime minister of Poland, in an air crash 1943; Bernard Cyril, first Baron Freyberg, Governor-General of New Zealand, 1963. On this day: Saladin defeated the Crusaders at the Battle of Tiberias, 1187; the Barebones Parliament began sitting, 1653; the American Declaration of Indepen-

dence was adopted, 1776; the US Mil-

itary Academy was opened at West

Point with 10 caders, 1802; work on

the Eric Canal began, 1817; the first Cunard steamship, the Britannia, sailed from Liverpool to Halifax

and Boston, 1840; Karl Heinrich

Marx and Friedrich Engels pub-

lished the Communist Manifesto, 1848; the Statue of Liberty was presented by the people of France to the

US, 1883; the construction of the

Panama Canal began, 1904; Hanna Reitsch made the first successful flight

in a helicopter. Germany, 1937; the

Republic of the Philippines was es-tablished, 1946. Today is Indepen-

"The Sculptures of the Parthenon", Dinners Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, hosted a dinner yesterday evening at Lancaster House, London SW1, in honour of Mr Amre

Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs

of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Admiral Sir Jock Stater, the First Sea Lord, yesterday evening presided at the Trinity Term Dinner of the Navy Board at Admiralty House, London SW1. Among those present were: SW I. Among those present were:
Admiral Sir Peter Abbott; Rear-Admiral Admiral Sir Michael Boyee; Professor Sir John
Cadogan. Sir Paul Condon; Sir Richard
Evans. Li-Gen Sir John Foley; Vice-Admiral
Sir Juby Frent; Mr Eddie George; Sir David
Hardy; Mr Roger Jackling; Mr Henry Lambert Mr Richard Mottram; Sir Reigh Robbn;
Rear-Admiral Fred Scourse; The Rev Francia Walmaler.

#### No damages for breach of European law Regins v Secretary of State for the

Home Department, ex parte Gallagher, Court of Appeal (Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Aldous) 10 June 1996

The making of an exclusion order against a persoo suspected of being concerned in acts of terrorism without first allowing him to make representations objecting to the order and to be interviewed by a person nominated by the Home Secretary was a breach of European Community law but it was not a sufficiently serious breach to justify a claim for

The Court of Appeal refused an application by John Gallagher for leave to amend his 27 September the Home Secapplication for judicial review against the Home Secretary in order to add a claim for damages.

The application followed a decisioo in Mr Gallagher's favour by the European Court of Justice, on 30 November 1995, that in passing the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 the UK failed to give effect to Council Directive 64/221/EEC with the result that he was, as he claimed, unlawfully excluded from the UK.

LAW REPORT

Robin Allen QC, Peter Duffy and Tim Eicke (Bindman & Pirs) for the applicans; David Pannick QC and Mark Shaw (Treasury Solicitor) for the

Sir Thomas Bingham MR said that in 1983 Mr Gallagher had been sentenced in the Republic of Ireland to three years' imprisonment for possession of two rifles for unlawful purposes. After his release, he came to the UK to work. On 25 September 1991 he was arrested and detained at Paddingtoo Green police station under section 14 of the 1989 Act. On retary made an exclusion order

against him under section 7 and Schedule 2 of the Act. Mr Gallagher was informed of his right to make written representations to the Home Secretary setting out any objections to the order and to request a personal interview with person nominated by the Home Secretary, but for pressiog persooal reasons Mr Gallagher consented to his removal and was flown to

Ireland the next day.

Community law, On 6 December 1991, at his

4 July 1996

solicitors attended at the British Embassy in Dublin and made oral representations to a person nominated by the Home Secretary. On 10 March 1992, the Home Office informed Mr Gallagher that the Home Secretary had considered his representations and the report of the nominated

request, Mr Gallagher and his

person but had decided not to revoke the exclusion order. Mr Gallagher applied for judicial review. The matter was referred to the European Court which ruled that, save in cases of urgency, the making of an exclusion order should follow, and not precede, the making of representations by, and the interviewing of, a person at

risk of exclusion. It was a cardinal principle of Community law that the laws of member states should provide effective and adequate redress for violations of Community law by member states where these resulted in infringement of specific individual rights cooferred by

The law of the Community oo this subject was still at a for-

Paul Magrath, Barrister

mative stage but it appeared

that the present case was plain-ly one in which a member state

had incorrectly transposed a Community directive ioto na-

tional law and therefore that,

in accordance with the Euro-

pean Court's rulings in Expante

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WLR 506 and Ex pane British

Telecom (Case C-392/93) (un-

reported, 26 March 1996), the

applicant had to show, inter

alia, that the UK's violation

of Community law was "suffi-

ciently serious" to warrant

he had been deprived of pro-

cedural safeguards which, had

they been observed, might have

given him a better chance of se-

curing a favourable result. But

there was nothing to suggest

that the Home Secretary's de-

cision would have been any dif-

ferent had he received Mr

Gallagher's representations

and the interviewer's report be-

fore making the exclusion or-

der. It was clear that after

receiving them, he had con-

sidered the case de noro, and

that even if the correct proce-

dure had been followed the

outcome would have been the

Mr Gallagher claimed that

reparation



# A weak slogan that reveals the admen's limits

words? Surely not. But yes, about New Labour in a partisan Tory spirit, which are at least debatable. A that's how much the bright and brilliant down at Conservative Central Office have seen fit to spend on their new advertising slogan; "New Labour, New Dangers.

Given the enormity of the task facing the Conservatives, and the importance to them of turning around pub-lic opinion, it may seem like money well spent. (Though if they'd asked around Fleet Street, there are quite a few who would bave thought up something similar on a wet afternoon for rather less than that.) But the Tories bigger prob-lem is the assumption that political problems can be sorted out by calling the ad-men - that a slogan can deal with a crisis of confidence.

"Labour iso't working," the Cooser-vatives' slogan in 1979, was a breakthrough for Saatchi and Saatchi and one of the all-time memorable campaigns. "Labour's tax bombshell" had the country talking in 1992. But they were both based on strong perceptions generally present already - public distaste for the winter of discontent and serious unease about Labour's shadow budget. They were examples of a basic truth about advertising: that it can exaggerate and amplify something that is already there, but it cannot create a desire or demand out of oothing.

Which brings us to the new slogan.

Conservative critic could say that it is bland, or pithless, or lacking in intellectual self-confidence; that it is woolly, or a mimicry of Toryism; that New Labour has no central purpose; that some of its proposed reforms of the country are ill-thought-out and will come apart at the stitches. Whether or not one agreed with those criticisms, they are at least worth talking about. But of all the possible criticisms of Tony Blair, the idea that he is dangerous, a wild radical threat to our way of life, is among the least persuasive on offer. Quite why the Conservatives have chosen this line of attack is a mystery.

At any rate, here we are back talking about strategies. Activists and ide-Ological purists wince at this obsessive interest among the metropolitan professionals in the flam of politics, rather than the meat. How often have we heard Labour traditionalists moaning ahout their party's reverence for opinion polls, focus groups and advertising gurus? Moral content, direction and good old policies are quickly drowned out in the search for a "message" to woo those crucial voters.

But all the political parties are actually doing with their focus groups and polls is listening to voters. If, baving heard what voters are saying, they adapt their policies and their slogans There are many things one could say accordingly, then democracy is not



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damaged. Competition among car manufacturers generates new cars that better reflect drivers' demands and desires. If political parties adapt in the same way to win votes, the result should be a more responsive political framework in which the more voters get something they want.

Nor does this responsive approach necessarily create reactive political parties. As any good husiness leader knows, the real money pours in when you can anticipate, lead and define a new market. Margaret Thatcher did it. Tony Blair seems to be doing it too.

There is no reason either why moral

values need be compromised along the way. Unlike cars or soap powders, political parties are value-ladeo products. They are selling a set of values to voters as well as a set of policies. And as voters are committing themselves to this particular product (a government) for up to five years, they have to be convinced that those values will be consistently pursued. In other words they need to be sure that the team (the MPs) who will be running the show genuinely believe in those values too. Changing party values at the flick of a pollster's pen doesn't fool anyone.

Hence Labour's metamorphosis over

the last 10 years has been slow, steady going. In 1992, no matter what the then shadow chancellor, John Smith, said about fiscal prudence, voters were easily convinced that most Labour MPs still wanted to spend, spend, spend, and tax, tax, tax. Four years later, with not a spending commitment in sight, the message on fiscal prudence is far more plausible.

Tony Blair's greatest achievement in the last few years has been to use internal party debates such as that over Clause 4 to demonstrate to voters quite how "new" Labour now is. Judging from their new slogan, the Conservatives believe him. Or at least they think voters believe him, which is why they have changed tack themselves.

But a good slogan and a great advertising campaign are worthless if the thinking behind them is not convincing. In the end voters will only accept a neat slogan, or a short sound bite, if it resonates with their underlying perceptions about what is going on.

Hence the Conservatives failure to land a punch on Tony Blair so far. Previous claims that, in power, Blair would be pushed aside by the mad old socialists were simply not plausible; there were too few of them and and they were not mad enough, "Yes it hurt, yes it worked" was only a little more persuasive. We know that Ken Clarke's tax increases hurt, but we are not convinced they are working. Even if the economy is looking up, we are not inclined to see the tax rises as the cause.

It is not impossible that the Conservatives, casting around for a strategy to hurt New Labour, will come up with a killer slogan eventually. They and their advertising men are very tough, very professional. But as they reflect upon new slogans and campaign themes both parties need to beware. The marketisation of politics is all very well, so long as politicians remember what sophisticated shoppers voters really are.

# Making a racket at Wimbledon

There is something wrong with us. We freely confess it. Wheo Cliff Richard led the spontaneous sing-song at a rain-drenched Wimhledon, this newspaper collectively cringed. Our huge tower at Canary Wharf visibly winced. Why was this? There is nothing more English than a good old sing-song, everybody jollily joining in, while the rain beats down. The trouble is, we fear, that it was so buttock-clenchingly naff.

For that is how the rest of the world too often sees us: a nation of cheery losers, belting out nostalgic songs in a downpour. Personally speaking, we'd much prefer a few ruthless tennis players, smashing their way into the semis.

#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### Standards of safety for airlines

Sir: Christian Wolmar is correct that the standards of "start-up" airlines such as Easyjet are enforced by the Civil Aviation Authority ("Safety worry as 'no-frill' airlines take off in UK", 1 July). However, his claim that there are no "flags of convenience" in the airline industry is far from

The December 1994 crash near Coventry airport was that of an Algerian registered aircraft chartered by a UK company. The Air Accident Investigation Branch subsequently identified the use of an overworked crew as a contributory factor. Additionally, the crash near the Dominican Republic last Fehruary was that of an aircraft chartered by a Dominican carrier, from a Turkish airline, bound for

In both cases the aircraft were operated outside the country of registration. The rules of the International Civil Aviatioo Organisation state that the host country cannot investigate safety standards as the country of registry has promised to enforce the accepted minimum standards, under its flag. Indeed the EU possesses less powers to enforce safety standards on to external airlines than it does on to shipping.

A solution currently being proposed is an EU "black list" of states failing to adhere to pre-determined standards. Such a list has been adopted by the US Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA, however, did not apply the same rigorous safety standards to its internal airlines as it applied externally. If Valulet bad been from outside the US, its flights would have been halted long ago because of its dreadful safety record before the Florida air

disaster. The FAA, like the CAA, was responsible for promoting the airline industry as well as regulating its safety. In a regularised market this may be possible. In a liberalised market (as the US became in the Eighnes and as the EU is becoming) the two tasks may well be incompatible.

Providing the proposed EU powers rigorously enforce safety standards on both EU and non-EU airlines, passengers will have less cause for concern about airlines that they fly on, regardless of the price they paid. DINOS KÝROU Department of International Relations University of Aberdeen

Sir: Regarding Christian Wolmar's article, not only is it nonsense to suggest that "no frills" airlines compromise on safety, it is also an insult to pilots, maintenance organisations and all the many extremely experienced professionals involved in the running of an airline.

Safety is of paramount importance at any airline - big, small, independent, state-owned, high yield or low yield. Any accident is one too many, but it is worth noting that the short-haul airlines in Europe and the US. boast a safety record equal or. belter than that of the established,

major airlines. At our airline we fly modern British Aerospace 146s, aircraft that are younger than may of the major airlines' fleets. Indeed, at Debonair our aircraft receive more attention than our passengers.



Furthermore, the BAe 146 has an

excelle ot safety record.
"No frills" essentially means that passengers go without alcoholic drinks and fancy meals. Passengers compromise this for a low fare. They certainly do not compromise their safety. Fortunately, we can count on the millions and millions of passengers who fly each year wheo it comes to determining how safe it is to fly. FRANCO MANCASSOLA

Chairman and Chief Executive Debonair Airways Luton, Bedfordshire

#### Britain can still show the way

Sir. Your leading article ("After empire, we badly need a new refrain", 29 June) served the important function of provoking thought, and the answer to your conundrum is, I think, rather simple. Britain does have a new role, and that is as an example of what can be done; a decoloniser that remains closely linked as an equal with virtually all its former colonies in an organisation that, it should be noted, a number of noncolonies are eager to join; and a "linguistically challenged" country whose native tongue is the only truly global language and whose overseas broadcasting service is probably the most trusted of all such agencies. The list could go on to include such successful "exports" as privatisation and many others.

There are, of course. concomitant responsibilities, which might perhaps be summed up as being there when needed", whether that is supporting the weak through Britain's permanent membership of the UN Security Council, or helping to eod a war in the Balkans by contributing a substantial part of our armed forces, or protecting small countries from predatory neighbours, or (lastly and topically) fighting for a better deal for the most indebted countries through our membership of G7.

We know that Britain is oot perfect, externally or internally, but because we have something to offer, it is our duty to to offer it. BRIAN H GILL London SE8

#### Riotous art

Sir: Colin Tweedy of the Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts is right to value the ways in which the arts enrich our lives but his work will fail until the arts do inspire us "to riot in Trafalgar Square".

For the arts to earn respect they must be feared: in its day Verdi's Nabucco, currently at Covent Garden, was recognised as an exposé of political repression; as recently as the Sixties Europides' version of Electra caused riots in Paris. Where are the works to inspire us now? Government funding of the arts is diminished to stifle dissenting voices, but the arts will not generate support and funding until they find a way to connect with our real concerns. Only then will the arts shed the élitist tag. PAUL ARROWSMITH

London W9

# Legislation for BT regulation

Sir: Your Business comment "BT needs to be held in check" (28 June) underestimates the issues surrounding the anti-competitive powers being sought by Oftel in its current review of telecommunications regulation.

Contrary to your comment, BT of course accepts that Oftel has a role to play to ensure that telecom operators, including BT, trade fairly. All we are asking is that the powers to curb anti-competitive behaviour should be in a proper legal framework which does not enable Oftel to invent what is anti-competitive and which allows for a right of appeal.

Without that safeguard, as you concede, there is otherwise no protection against such powers being exercised in "an arbitrary or oppressive fashion".

As you correctly report, the tone of most reasoned comment on the issue has been that the regulator is going too far in asking for absolute powers. It is, in our view, in no one's interests for the regulator to act as prosecutor, judge, and jury, or for players in the industry to be denied the right of appeal on the merits of cases that could have an enormous impact on customers. shareholders, employees and competitors.

As you concede, there is no protection against such powers being exercised in an "arbitrary or oppressive fashion". If the Director-General is to take on the quasi-judicial function of

determining what is anticompetitive, his determinations should be susceptible of appeal in the same way as those of every other judicial and quasi-judicial

body in this country. You incorrectly assert that "there are already enough channels of appeal open to BT", specifically the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) and the courts. If these new proposals were accepted, reference to the MMC would no longer be available to BT. Judicial review is concerned only with the narrow legalities of a decision, it is not an appeal against a mistake or a misjudgement.

The regulator aiready has substantial powers to take action against anti-competitive behaviour. through BT's existing licence and fair trading law. The current regime is allegedly slow and cumbersome, BT has offered Oftel a "cease and desist" solution, under which Oftel could instruct BT to suspend a practice with immediate effect, pending a full investigation. Oftel has rejected this.

In fact, both BT and Oftel are in agreement on the optimum solution, which is for the Government to legislate to prohibit anti-competitive behaviour. This would, on the one hand, allow a right of appeal on the merits, and, on the other, make those who behaved anni-competitively pay fines and damages. COLIN R GREEN Secretary and Chief Legal Adviser

London ECI

#### Pay and stay

an evening". ANDREW LEECH

Norwich, Norfolk

Internet crèche

that is the Internet, Emma

to let our children play in

cyberspace?" 1 July).

Sir: Having expended the time and

trouble necessary to connect her home to the vast sea of information

Haughton and other parents must

accept the responsibility of regulating what comes through that

connection (Section Two; "Is it safe

The Internet is a powerful tool

of information, not a hi-tech crèche

for yuppie parents. Why should all

its users be expected to render their

material suitable for six-year-olds?

Ms Haughton would not let her

regard her office computer in the same light. In the last resort she can

telephone. It is quite unreasonable

for the Internet to be harnstrung by

Communications Decency Act,

which could send people to prison

for using words regularly printed in

the Independent, just to provide Ms Haughton with "peace and quiet of

children use a power drill or a nail

gun unsupervised; she should

always pull the plug to the

legislation such as the US

for the worldwide communication

Sir. The director of the Natural History Museum is wrong to argue that overcrowding is necessarily due to increased attendance (Letters, 29 June). When entry was free, many people dropped in frequently for a few minutes. After paying, visitors are likely to stay longer and so change a trickle into a throng. TH HUGHES-DAVIES Breamore, Hampshire

#### Subversion of the rule of law

Sir: The Lord Chancellor's plans for reform of the legal aid system will, as you infer (3 July), lead to the poor and to the disadvantaged having to pay more for their lawyers. It will also have the inevitable practical effect of restricting access to the courts.

There is, though, a deeper danger. Points of important general principle, such as those engaged in the recent community care case involving the right of disabled persons to services, may never be litigated because of the ever present risk of baving to pay the other side's costs if unsuccessful. In that way the rule of law becomes authorities are, as a result, more likely to make cynical and unlawful decisions knowing that judicial redress is a receding threat.

At a certain level, restriction of access to a court is, of course, a breach of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights. But for a Government apparently determined oever to incorporate the Conventioo into domestic law, this potential hazard is presumably no more than a minuscule consideration at the present stage. RICHARD GORDON, QC London, WC2

#### Choice in Northern Ireland

Sir. There is reason to hope that parallel British and Irish administrations in Northern Ireland might work better than parallel British and French rule in the New Hebrides (Letters: "Parallel systems in Vanuatu", 24 June and "Bizarre system of colonial rule", 27 June).

Where the population of Vanuatu could say "a curse on both your houses" to their colonial rulers, the inhabitants of Northern Ireland all recognise the legitimacy of either the British or the Irish state. Giving each individual in Northern Ireland the opportunity to be subject to the laws and administration of the state of their choice would not, therefore, be a colonial imposition.

Instead it would provide a democratic method of resolving the conflict through allowing the majority and minority communities to agree to differ, rather than resorting to a majority vote that might simply perpetuate the

conflict. Dr PETER HAYES Lecturer in Politics University of Sunderland Thomhill Park,

#### Churches of communion

Sir: What is all this fuss about Tony Blair receiving Communion in a Roman Catholic Church (report, 2

I have not only received Holy Communion in Roman Catholic churches several times, but I have frequently administered the Sacrament to Roman Catholics in Anglican churches and, what is more, have con-celebrated the Eucharist with Roman Catholic priests. They have done so with me too, by definition. Given the opportunities, I shall gratefully continue in this way. The Rev BEN HOPKINSON Stainton,

Middlesbrough

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# Slickers and slackers

Some MPs are workers, while some are shirkers. Yet they are all in line for a £9,000 pay rise. It's time for our representatives' salaries to be performance-related, argues Anthony Bevins

of Westminster, there is a noticehoard for the Parliamentary Works Directorate: the backroom staff who keep the physical fabric of the Commons in good working order. By the side of two card-swipe machines on which staff clock in and out each day, the board sports a photocopy of the printed words of an 18th-century essayist. Sir Richard Steele: "Every man is the maker of his own fortune."

Scrawled alongside in felt-tip are the words, "No more overtime", and the sarcastic con-clusion: "Morale is sky high." Today, the Prime Minister

will publish the much-trailed report of the Senior Salaries Review Body and its recommendation that MPs should award themselves a 26 per cent pay rise of £9,000 a year.

The difference between the MPs and the constituents they represent could not be more sweetly illustrated. Next week. MPs, unlike the Commons staff who are losing out on overtime, will be the makers of their own fortune: voting themselves a pay rise that hardly serves as a public example of the Government's demands for restraint.

MPs are not paid overtime. and they do not have to clock in and out each day. But what they actually do for their £34,085 pay is between themselves, their whips, and their

maker. about in their constituencies. one recent poll suggested that all per cent of voters could not even name their MPs, never mind keep track of how hard

they worked. The pity is that some MPs are undoubtedly flogging their guts out, working long hours in recognition of the privilege of contribution to the Chamber.

But there are others who swing the lead and take the taxpayer, the voter, and Parliament for a ride. The problem is that today's pay rise recom-mendation will not distinguish between the slick and the slack.

Those MPs who spend much of their time outside Parliament, carning small fortunes in company boardrooms; those MPs who spend their time in the bars rather than the Chamher, committee rooms, or even the library: those MPs who swan off around the world on free trips hidden under legitimate auspices that do not need to be registered - none of them

There are Members who don't take the money and run, they just take the money

will be distinguished from the workhorses who try to make the Commons perform its proper function.

horse is Quentin Davies, the Tory MP for Stamford and Spalding. He is a City slicker in As for putting themselves both appearance and background; first class graduate of Cambridge and Harvard, former diplomat, ex-director of Morgan Grenfell and Dewe Rogerson International.

In the last full parliamentary year. Mr Davies attended a record 111 sessions of various standing and select committecs; vetting legislation and their democratic role. Some of monitoring the activity of Govthem are so slick and efficient ernment departments. For that they make a breathtaking good measure, he also shows that it is possible to provide a committees. If MPs are put on

the bewels of the Palace spare the time for outside work revolt against the Government. and a resolute Conservative defence of the European Union and One Nation Torvism - and maintain commercial links with the business world.

In the Register of Members Interests, he includes service as an adviser to NatWest Securities, for which he declares payment of between £20,000 and £25,000, and a parliamentary consultancy with the Chartered Institute of Taxation, for which he gets between £10,000 and £15,000. Nevertheless, in terms of his parliamentary effort. Mr Davies is worth every last penny of his £34,085 pay, and he is not

The mee and women who lead the Commons select committees that shadow each Government department, and the people who chair the standing committees which give line-byline examination of all Bills, clearly deserve their money. That is also the case with other MPs, Labour and Tory, who do not shirk the unglamorous but vital committee work. In the last session of Parliament. 31 Bills were examined in 209 standing committee meetings.

The slackers are in a minority, but a strong minority. There are also some MPs, particularly former cabinet ministers, who deem themselves far too grand serve on Standing tees; others just do not put their names forward. They don't take the money and run, they just take it.

The House of Commons is a club, not a factory. While parliamentary staff clock on and off, MPs come and go as they please, subject only to the disciplines that may or may not be applied by the whips.

Certainly, as the Dails Mail discovered to its cost in 1978 when it had to settle, it is not possible to allege that MPs are absent from the House just because they are not attending the committee corridor, party complete parliamentary ser- a committee and are then



absent, that can be proved because attendance is logged and recorded. If they do not belong to committees in the first place, absenteeism is impossible to prove.

Nevertheless, it is possible to say that MPs are silent or speechless in the Chamber of the House. Because Hansard records can prove such a statement one way or the other. expensive libel actions can be avoided.

On that basis, there was a report in 1983 that 10 MPs had left the Commons speechless. having "failed to record one spoken word in the Chamber of the House of Commons in the last session of Partiament".

Equally, it is a fact that Jack Aspinwall, the Conservative MP for Wansdyke, is not recorded as having spoken one word in the Chamber of the Commons for a full parlia-mentary year, from 27 April 1992 to 5 November 1993.

according to Hansard Indices. Mr Aspinwall, sadly, is a sick man and has been ill for some years. He is said to figure on all way of knowing whether they conservative sick lists, as does are driving all the way back to Sir Julian Critchley, who has a far-flung seats at a fixed Hunsurd record of Commons expense-rate of 74.1p per mide.

Chamber silence for the woole of 1993. In the last year for which full returns are available. 1994-95, neither Mr. Aspinwall nor Sir Julian are recorded as having served on any standing or select committee of the House of Commons.

According to the best parliamentary traditions, they are both Honourable Gentlemen and it can therefore be expected that they are delivering a full and dedicated service to their constituents. But undoubtedly there are

other MPs who do not give unreservedly to their constituents, and are not on any sick list. There are slackers as well as slickers in the House. One senior Labour MP said yesterday that he knew of

"stars" who delegated respon-

sibility for constituency surg-

eries - where consutuents seek MPs advice and assistance - to local councillors. When, or if, MPs go back to their constituencies, there is no way of knowing what service they provide. Nor is there any

It is known for example, that some MPs drive to the far North and back, "earning" £500 or more for the trip. Receipts are out required

Who knows what MPs will be

If there was a rate matching supply and demand, MPs should consider a pay cut

doing during their 11-week summer break from Westminster later this month? Who knows. following the introduction of, in effect, a three-day working week at Westminster, what they are doing with the rest of their time? MPs now are only required to attend the House from Mondays to Wednesdays, with few full-scale votes on Thursdays and the House often

not sitting on Fridays. MPs say they do go back to for selection as candidates. Of

traditions of the House, they a market rate, matching supply are all Honourable Members. But who really knows?

The question that is now to be posed is: How should they be paid? Should the slicker, Mr Davies, be given the same pay as the slacker, who has to remain anonymous because of

What happens if we double. even treble, MPs' pay? Do we theo increase their calibre twofold, threefold? How can we possibly guarantee that the quality of MPs would rise to match their emoluments, when MPs are effectively chosen not by the electorate, but by party selection committees?

Is it not possible to argue that those who are genuinely dedicated to public service should not oeed lavish pay and perks to go ioto the Commons? To which MPs might reply that they would be happy if they were paid as welt as the political editor of the Independent newspaper.

When such questions were posed in the past. Enoch Powell used to ask whether there was any shortage of contenders their constituencies, and, in the course there is not. If there was

doesn't move for over an

hour, and you get so fed up

that you get out and start

walking about, and you get talking to a bloke in a van

who likes the look of your car,

and he makes you an offer for

it, and you are so mad you

decide to self it there and

then, and he hands over the

cash and you start walking

home, and just then the jam

starts moving again, are you still responsible for getting

the car nut of there? Describe

answer you gave.

would you do?

b) Drive on;

animal's assistance:

and demand, perhaps MPs should consider a pay cut.

There can be no greater indictment of the quality of the Commons than the two recent reports, from the European Legislation Committee and the Procedure Committee. showing how laws are now being passed unseen and undebated by Parliament, in Brussels and Whitehall. What happened to the great role of scrutiny MPs boast about?

It is no exaggeration to say that those two select committees represent the last defences of a beleaguered democracy.

Yet in the last session of Parliament, the recorded absentee rate from the European Legistation Committee was 38.3 per cent; for the Procedure Committee it was 35.4 per cent.

Perhaps the absent watchdogs should be put on the performance-related pay that Parliament has sanctioned for the rest of the public sector. For the moment, with few barks and tittle bite, some of them are not remotely worth the money they get, never mind a

# **ENTRY FORM**

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# Stuck in a traffic jam? Try this quiz ...

able to pass a written driving test? If, after years of driving experience, you were suddenly sat down to take an exam paper, how would you do? Pretty well, you think? Here's your chance to find out! Just sit down and take this specially designed driving test paper tspecially designed for people who think they know it all).

Note: if you are taking this test while driving along, with the paper on the seat between your knees and a pencil in your teeth, glancing down between overtaking cars, you are disqualified before you start.

1. When you see the slogan "Don't Drink ued Drive", do you take this to meao: a) You shouldn't drive after you have had too much to drink:

b) You shouldn't drink and drive at the same time, as the bonle may get in the way of the steering wheel: c) You should stick to drugs if you are driving.

2. If you are waiting at the lights, with a car in front of you, and the lights turn green

Tell, would you be but the car doesn't move. should you:

> b) Hool angrily. c) Drive repeatedly into him from behind until he gets

3. If you hoot angrity at a man

in froot of you who won't go even though the tights have turned green, and this very hig man gets out of the car in froot of you and comes walkiog round to your driver's side looking very aggry indeed, should you: a) Lock the doors and windows:

h) Lock the doors and windows and dial 909 on your mobile phooe: c) Laugh and point at your passenger and then at the horn and then shrug, as it to say, "My friend here leant

over and hooted at you - noth-

ing I could do about it!";

d) Try and run him over? 4. Which of the following are current legal restrictions on a Christmas tree being carried home on the roof of your car? a) It should not be standing upright:

with road rage? b) It should not be rooted in 6. If you are stuck in a traf-



#### Miles Kington

earth on top of the car. c) It should not have presents tied to the branches; d) The lights on the tree should not be switched on.

5. If three roads lead to a roundabout, and a car arrives at the roondabout at exactly the same time on each of the three roads, which car has the right of way?

at The one which forces its way on litst: h) The one which doesn't stop:

c) The one going fastest: d) The one with the blue light on top: c) Yours; f) The one driven by the man

8. If you run into unexpected

fic jam on a motorway, which a) Go as fast as possible: h) Go as slowly as possible: c) Keep to starboard: d) Give way to older vehicles: e) Hoist the appropriate flag.

> 9. Under what circumstances can a vehicle be licensed for the performing of the marriage service inside?

> at If it is a chauffeur-driven limousine used for church purposes and the car is held up on the way to the service; b) If it is floating on flood water and you are the captain:

briefly the reasons for the c) If it is a circus caravan, 10. If you drive out of a motor-7. A small animal or bird (lies way service area filling station or runs in front of your car. and realise just as you re-You think you may have hit it. though you hope not. What

emerge on to the motorway that you forgot to pay for the petrol, what should you do? a) Do a U-lurn and go to the a) Reverse back up to the filling station: b) Drive like hell; e) Drive on, but looking anxc) Hoist a big sign as soon as the iously in the rear mirror for

police appear behind you say. that tell-tale little body lying in ing: "ALL RIGHT COPPER the road behind you until you I KNOW I FORGOT TO PAY run into the hack of a big slow SO SHALL I PULL OVER TO THE HARD SHOUL-DER AND GIVE YOU A CHEQUE, OR WHAT?" Good luck!

flood water, should you:

lorry in front of you.

The Labour leader bears his policy document like an anxious curator with a priceless vase. But on slippery ground, he is right to be cautious

onest manifestos tell the truth, and nothing but the truth. But they cannot tell the whole truth about a programme for government, especially for one intended to last more than one

Lord Howe's memoirs are eloquent about the lengths to which Margaret Thatcher went in resisting the incorporation into the 1979 manifesto of the apocalyptic Stepping Stones document drawn up for her two years earlier by John Hoskyns. Stepping Stones made the transformation of the trade unions the fulcrum of what Howe calls the "sea change in political economy" that it identified as the task of an

incoming Tory government.

Mrs Thatcher agreed with almost every word of it. But she was deeply cantious about saying so publicly ahead of the election. Even when the unforeseen events of the preelection winter made unions the central issue of the day, she shrank from including its most far-reaching conclusions in the manifesto. Instead, as Howe says with masterly under-

# Steady, Tony, it could still fall apart

statement, the Stepping Stones approach remained available for guidance in the years ahead".

That isn't to say that the Road to the Manifesto which Tony Blair will unveil today masks, in any conventional sense, a hidden agenda. But it is a reminder of the shortcomings of opposition compared with the

opportunities in government. Describing Blair's passage to the election, Lord Jenkins recently offered guests at a Liberal Democrat dinner the analogy of a curator nervously carrying a priceless gossamerthin Ming vase across a newly pol-ished and treacherously slippery museum floor. There was an amicable criticism implicit in the image conjured by Jenkins; that Blair is too anxious about the perils of the journey, not risky enough in his impatience to complete it.

Blair doesn't see it that way;

because for the Labour leader, every hostage given to a Tory press, every extravagant spending promise, every needless posture struck about issues from beef to the Prevention of Terrorism Act which his party is poweriess to influence in opposition. threatens the shattering of the vase. and with it the renewed hopes of British social democracy.

So prevalent is the belief among politicians of all parties that Labour will win the general election that scarcely any of them confronts the historic meltdown it will mean for Labour if he fails to do so. Prepared to contemplate that awful prospect, Blair is at least as sensitised to the dangers and limitations of preelection opposition as Mrs Thatcher

To take an example, welfare reform, and the switching of resources from social security to



DONALD MACINTYRE

education, is central to the thrust of today's document. But we are unlikely to know how fast Blair intends to achieve that. And even if he had the exact blueprint and published it now, he would be engulfed in conflicting advice from every interest group in the country.

For all the populist and arresting language in which Blair is reliably said to have written today's draft manifesto, it is deliberately limited

the Tory manifesto that preceded Labour's 1966 landslide that it contained (3) commitments but no ideas. As a result, the electorate had no notion what the party's policy

By contrast, the firm pledges in today's document, from the limit on infant class sizes to the promise of a job or real training place to every 16- to 18-year-old, literally can he contained in the credit-card sized document of which the party has printed two million copies. Blair has been ruthless in weeding out not only the promises that would require tax increases to pay for them, but also all those not certain of being achieved in a first term.

As late as this very week, he withstood a concerted effort to harden some of Blair's restive backbench policy on state pensions by making explicit the goal of matching their ist times. The message to the party

lan Macleod once said acidly of growth to that of varnings. Earlier deliver. manifestos offered policies on what Blair once called everything from stray cats to world disarmament". Today's document promises not the earth, but a start to Labour's aim of restoring social cohesion and economic efficiency. And although it will fail to answer some of the thorniest questions - such as child

> all the protestations about consulcannot do other than endorse it This is already deeply disturbing

critics. But it may suit the minimal-

henefit for 16- to 18-year-olds and

whether there will be a higher tax

rate - there is no sign that the final

manifesto will otherwise differ rad-

ically from today's document. For

is that in a climate in which politicians aren't trusted any more, it is promise more than you can deliver, or - and this may be even less ambitious - what the voters think you can

The party will surely absorb this message. But what it will not be able to tell from today's document is whether Blair would be as radical from the social democratic centre left as Margaret Thatcher was from the right.

First, as he reminded Labour MPs yesterday, he has to get elected. But in office there are fewer alibis than in opposition. He believes that social cohesion, welfare state reform and the re-equipping of the economy through education are as hig as Thatcher's state-shrinking, uniontation throughout the party, the curbing agenda. But if his momenforthcoming ballot of members turn falters in office, then the capacity for disillusionment among the tens of thousands of party members who at first besitantly, then enthustastically, participated in the rewriting of Clause IV is as limitless as

# What me? I'm off to lunch

The officer class at the Somme was cruel and stupid. And their modern equivalents can be as disgusting

Defence Secretary, had lunch at Lancaster House with the President of the French Assembly and spent the rest of the day holding meetings in his office. From there, 80 years ago, he would have been able to hear the artillery barrage that preceded the British assault on the German lines that began on I July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

He chose not to commemorate that day at Thiepval with the veterans of the army of which he is political master.

Before we condemn him, we should bear in mind that friends of John Redwood, his rival for the Tory leadership, are going out of their way to make us loathe Portillo. They may havefomented this fuss about his non-attendance. Nevertheless, disliking Portillo remains an important obligation for us all - his manner is disgusting, and on occasion, as on others, he has displayed an extraordinary lack of taste.

For 1 July 1916 was both the most important day in our modern military history and among the most important in our entire history. To make matters worse for the Defence Secretary, this may be the last anniversary of that date for which we can call on living memory. Some Somme veterans are in their hundreds. They will not be with us in 10 years. The next anniversary will not really be an anniversary at all. The event. will have passed fully into recorded rather than remembered history.

There is, now, some controversy about how we should judge that first day in terms of military history. For most of the 20th century - from Wil-fred Owen to Rowan Atkinson's Blackadder - it has been regarded as a monumental hlunder perpetrated by a callous High Command who throughout the war cared nothing for the lives of their troops. It is routinely seen as the supreme condemnation of the British class system. Working-class conscripts, hured by the call of duty and the elamour of escape, were chucked into

the firing line by cruel, stupid toffs. Revisionists now say that, though it was undoubtedly a catastrophe, it was forced upon the generals by the political and military demands of the hour. Subsequently, they learnt their lesson and won the decisive second Battle of the Somme employing considerably more humane and modern methods.

n Monday 1 July, And we did, after all, win the war - a Michael Portillo, the victory we seem less disposed to celebrate than that of 1945.

Such a controversy has its place, not least in British self-perception. The idea that we have a criminally or comically incompetent ruling class has been a fixed and frequently debilitating aspect of our politics and our culture since the Great War, We still believe in the fail-ings of leadership, more readily because of the slaughter at the Somme. Perhaps that belief is why I so readily dislike Portillo. But, if the generals were not really that incompetent, then our routine contempt for leaders is based upon a misreading of history, and our national habit of giving moral weight



#### BRYAN APPLEYARD

to the mannerisms of class is founded

But that issue becomes almost insignificant, a local matter, when set against the elemental spectacle of mechanised, futile slaughter provided by that first day of battle. It is said that more died on that first day of the Somme than had died in the whole previous century of conflicts in Europe. A hundred years of relative peace had led to this. Human progress would always, thereafter, seem a thin, vain, unconvincing faith. For this was a moment. that seemed to come from beyond history, a timeless statement of the per-petual possibility of absolute failure.

In many ways, as the historian and critic Paul Fussel has pointed out, it was an image that created the modern sensibility. The blood and mud of the trenches when set against the mannered civilisation of Edwardian England gave birth to a peculiarly modern form of irony based upon the awareness of the contingent, organic mess that lies beneath the enforced order of society. Order itself became a kind

of joke, a desperate, doomed attempt to avoid the abyss.

And it gave hirth to the modern sense of the human reality of the



All quiet on the Portillo front: Somme veterans visited Picardy without the Defence Secretary (centre). Left to right: General Haig, Wilfred Owen and TV's Blackadder

saw in those massacred brigades of chums and pals not undifferentiated cannon fodder but men like themselves. Wilfred Owen's clay that grew tall formed not the sensitive, culti-

vated, suffering poet, but Everyman.
This was a realisation whose importance can hardly be overstated. Leaving aside salvation and the immortal soul, the essential secular message of Christianity is: ordinary people have feelings too. It is a radical statement of the irreducibility and commonality of buman experience. It took a while to sink in - about 1,880 years, in fact, the length of time between the Ser-

prove, the patrician officers suddenly But when it did, the shock brought one civilisation to an end and ushered in a modern world in which there can he no ultimate legitimacy but that of mass approval, in which some form of include us all. equality, however attenuated, is part

of everybody's political predisposition.
This, along with the technology that made mass killing possible changed the complexion of war itself - though oddly, for the worse. Once the masses acquired a voice to which their leaders had to listen, they also became a legitimate target. The bombing of civilian populations in the Second World War signalled the realisation that armies alone were not the masses. As the best poems of the time mon on the Mount and 1 July 1916. point, people were - both because of

what they did and what they felt. So 1914-18 had not been the war to end wars, but rather the war that broadened the definition of conflict to

All of which is to say that Portillo should have been there on Monday. This commemoration, for all its vast significance, was still a military event: he was the one politician who had to attend. But, in truth, we should all have been there. Those ancient veterans wit-nessed a terrible battle, one of the worst in history, but they were also there at the awful birth pangs of the contemporary world. Soon they will be gone and we shall begin, as we always

THURSDAY DIARY

The DJ, realising he

had some Brits on the dancefloor, reached for the Sex Pistols ...

reached for the Sex Pistols ... It was, admittedly, some way from the ball at the Doge's Palace we had first planned. And next week, I expect, leaving parties will once again be things you have at the Café Rouge with glasses of Merlot. But something remains incontrovertible. Say that health and glers. But can I just put on by a bald and threatening bouncer in a Belgian nightclub to cut out the manic pogo-ing

ber how the DJ, realising he News reaches me of a shocking had some Brits on the floor, mutbreak of literal-mindedness in Scotland. The Cape novelist John King has been impressing reviewers (not ours, alas) with his tough tale of tottie and terraces, entitled The Football Factory. But while the book is selling well, it's also become one of the year's most shoplifted items. No less than nine copies were nicked last month from the John Smith bookshop in Glasgow. This presumably wouldn't have anything to do with the fact that the World's Finest Living

Writer, Irvine Welsh, can be

found puffing the book on the

cover, and advising punters,

"Bay, steal or borrow a copy

responsible ever come to London, I hope they will be more sophisticated about the "Kill to get a ticket" signs in Shaftes-

I met a classical musician the

other day, who gave me a fascinating performer's-eye view of the Secretary of State for National Heritage. He had encountered Mrs Bottomlev on Saturday before last, at the Aldeburgh Festival in Snape Maltings, Suffolk. She's so keen to anend, festival-goers murmured admiringly, she had flown there straight from the England-Spain match earlier that afternoon; look, there's the ministerial helicopter parked on the Maltings' lawn. And indeed it was an impressive sight, complete with pilot and co-pilot and at least one Heritage minder who went through the crowd asking people how long the evening's concert was likely to go on for.

The concert was the City of London Sinfonia's performance of Mahler's Fourth Symphony, with its famously long, slow and generally adagio third movement. Three or four minutes into it, the enraptured audience became aware that their Heritage minister was discreetly leaving them, as the place reverberated with the sound of her helicopter taking bell) the Jack the Ripple, James now." Should the felons off Barely 100 yards above the Bombe, Cashew Grant ...

Maltings' slatted wooden roof, a couple of tons of governmental chopper thrummed and bated and ground its gears and went WHUP-WHUP-WHUP like a mad thing before sweep-ing the lovely Virginia B. away into the night. "It was very offputting for the performers," said my man in the woodwinds section. "Completely destroyed the whole mood of the concert." If only they'd been playing Wagner - the audience could have dreamt they were remaking Apocalypse Now.

A new ice-cream is launched

today by Ben & Jerry, the American frozen-pudding moguls. What's special about it is that it's supposed to be the quintessence of Britishness. In reply to a B&J questionnaire, seven thousand-odd fans sent in their suggestions for the flavour that "Britain" would be if she were an ice-cream. The winner was "Cool Britannia" (vanilla with strawberries and chocolate-covered shortbread), the bright idea of a Yank lawyer called Sarah Moynihan Williams. Not had, if we must have ravens-atthe Tower national stereotypes. but I preferred some of the losing suggestions: the Charles and Diana Split, for instance, or the Vanilla Parker Bowles, the Agatha Crispie or (what the This PEP that PEP their PEP his PEP her PEP which PEP? what PEP? our PEP.

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vice"? "divorce reception"?) carry the same air of melancholic revelry as do the words "leaving party". It is their pre-dictability: the embarrassing speech ("I can honestly say I've never worked with a more talented group of people"), the last-minute present from Thrift Gift, the who's next banter, the baffling messages on the good-bye card, the frankly doomed attempt to impress the young lady from Bought Ledger, the

last Tube home ... Imagine then, my delight when a departing colleague decided to whoop it up on the Continent. Forget the scabby boozers of the Isle of Dogs, he said, we'll have this party in -ooh, Venice would be about right, Cannes perhaps, or Versailles, or Prague, somewhere grand and Napoleonic. We'll charter a jumbo, cram it with Beluga and Roederer Cristal, install an in-flight fashion parade and Nautilus gym and ... By the following week, his arrangements had become less ambitious: okay, we head for Boulogne, and take a dozen taxis to L'Atlantique, the hotelrestaurant-dancehall equivalent of its trendy Piccadilly namesake. There we'll drink Piper Hiedsieck from the shoes of rueusieck from Montmartre, sweat from it at 42m. I remem- at 6 o'clock in the morning?

ew combinations of play canasta, have a gallon of words in the English language ("memorial serweek, things had scaled down again. We were now off to Belgrum for dinner and dancing ... So we flew over in what

appeared to be a Second World War Mosquito (free in flight salami bun), drove about in a coach and dined at a charming restaurant where the dying gasps of nouvelle cuisine are still celebrated (single moule en crouse served in egg cup). After 2 30am, it all got a little bhured. I remember roaming Antwerp's bland shopping mall, asking bits of Euroflotsam outside Marks and Benetton where the action was to be found. The most friendly-disposed of our crew indulged in yelling contests about Jurgen Klinsmann. I recall feeling puzzled to find an enormous and beautiful white cathedral rearing up amid the franchise shops like a brilliant secret. I remember lots of urgent seduction breaking out amid the smashed glass of a backstreet disco. ("So, you are all on holiday, yes?" a local youth asked one of the girls.
"No. no." she replied, "Canary
Wharf leaving party." "In
Antwerp?" he asked, wideeyed.) I watched as a distinguished editorial colleague, a record that, at 42, I was warned man famous for his unflap-pable demeanour, tore off his

shirt to wring the beer and

EU joins

fray on

airline

alliances

The European Commission yesterday launched an investigation into six main transat-lantic airline alliances as it sought

an equal role with Washington in

policing competition along blue

The inquiry will include British Anways' planned link with American Airlines, which

will form the world's most pow-

erful airline alliance - the cata-

Britain, the United States Justice

Department and an influential

The EU will look into co-

many's Lufthansa and United

Airlines of the US; Scandinavian

."It is important to ensure that

such alliances do not damage

competition or crode consumers'

interests," European Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock told

lyst for yesterday's move.

PATRICK TOOHER

riband routes.

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TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Lord Weinstock will step down as managing director of GEC on 9 September, marking the end of his 33-year reign at Britain's biggest manufacturing and de-fence company. The transfer of power to former Lucas chief executive George Simpson was confirmed yesterday along with better-than-expected results for

Analysts agreed that he had gone out in style, with profits exceeding filbn, before exceptional charges, for the first time. He leaves GEC with a £14bn order book, up 10 per cent on a year ago, and with a
£2.5bn cash pile. After years of
bearing Lord Weinstock's relative parsimony, shareholders
were rewarded with an unexpected 10 per cent rise in the full

year dividend to 12.51p.

"This is racy stuff for GEC."

Tressan MacCarthy, an analyst at Panmure Gordon, said of the dividend, "In the past GEC has been incredibly prudent and maybe it's going to be a hit more generous in future."

Brian Newman, analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, said the stock had been depressed ahead of the results by market

figures and significant restructuring charges.
"These figures will dispel any

negative rumours and restore some confidence in the stock," Mr Newman said. "Weinstock is going out on a high note."

Lord Prior, GEC chairman, paid tribute to Lord Weinstock as he confirmed that a new position of chairman emeritus would be created "so that the company will have available the benefit of his long experience and deep knowledge". Lord Weinstock will not sit on GEC's board, but he will have an office at the company's Stan-hope Gate headquarters and is expected to use it every day.

The closing of the Weinstock era at GEC puts an end to years of uncertainty during which the succession to what has been called the most important job in British industry has been agonised over by Lord Weinstock and shrouded in secrecy.

Over the past decade, many favourites have come and gone, with the roll-call of those who came close to receiving the nod reading like a Who's Who of British Industry. Sir Colin Southgate chose to remain with Thorn EMI, Michael Green of Carlton was considered briefly as was Alan Sugar, the consumer

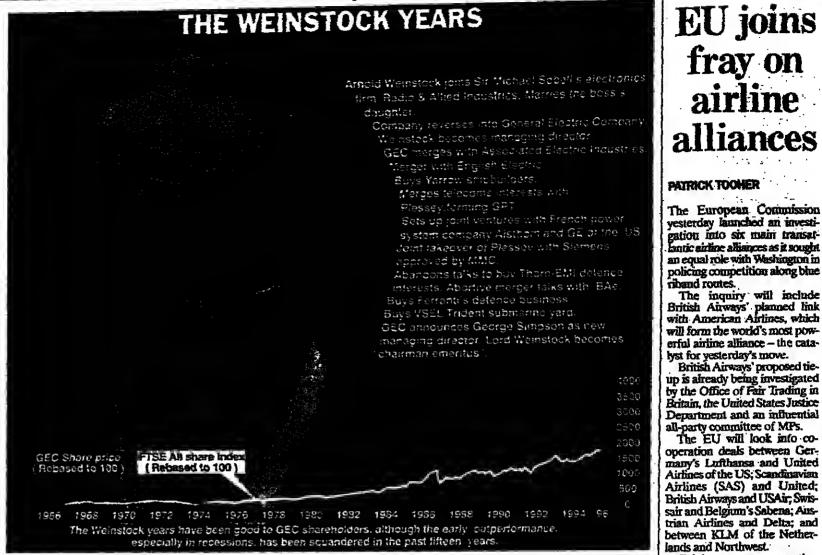
came close to characterising everything that GEC was not.

GEC's pre-tax profits for the year to March of £981m were well up on the £891m recorded in 1995, but detractors said yesterday they did not represent a great step forward from the £710m achieved as long ago as 1986. The company's many critics accuse GEC of undue caution. which has led it to miss a string of opportunities in industries for which it had the technical skills but lacked the willingness to take the necessary chances. The growth in profits last year reflected an improved perfor-

mance from GEC Marconi, the defence electronics arm, where cost-overruns on large contracts had held back the first-half result. The company said solutions had been found for the technical problems and it did not expect results in future years to be affected. Boosted by the acqui-sition last year of warship and submarine maker VSEL, profits jumped from £205m to £291m.

GEC Alsthom, the Anglo-French power joint venture, and GPT, the telecommunications operation, which is jointly owned with Siemens of Germany, both

reported record sales and profits. When George Simpson takes over, he is expected to face a telephone contact with his mandaunting task to follow in the agers, more than 200 of whom



footsteps of one of British husiness's most idiosyncratic and forceful managers. When not pursuing his twin passions for Mozart and horse-racing, Lord Weinstock gained a reputation for spending long hours in his office, maintaining almost constant

were to on his speed-dial system. Arguably, only Hanson and BTR shared his passion for financial controls when he introduced monthly reporting in the 1960s and 1970s, long before such monitoring became a central management technique. Analysis believe the arrival of

Mr Simpson, fresh from the

disposal of Rover to BMW while at British Aerospace and a turnaround in Lucas's fortunes, will mark a dramatic

change of culture at GEC. Attention is most closely focused, however, on whether his close links with BAe's Dick Evans will lead to the long-rumoured merger of GEC's

defence interests with BAe. His higgest challenge, however, is viewed as reversing GEC's long-term underperformance of the market. Although, as the chart shows, GEC has beaten the market during the

last 33 years, over the past 15 it has lost half its relative value. Comment, page 23

a joint news conference with his competition counterpart, Karel

van Miert.

An accompanying paper said the Commission's preliminary view was that such deals would "substantially restrict competition on the routes between the Unit-

ed States and Europe as well as on some intra-Community (EU) Mr van Miert justified the in-quiry, which will last several months, on the grounds of the

transatlantic imbalance in au-thority which he said allowed US anti-trust authorities a free rein to set conditions on deals. "For some time now we have been confronted with all sorts of

alliances between American and European airlines," he said. ... "Up until now we have only been able to examine the part of

those alliances which affect flights within Europe. On the American side, they are entitled to look at the transatiantic dimension outside of the US," Mr van Miert added. In the past airline alliances

have been inspected by the national competition authorities of the EU country involved, leaving the deal's overall impact on European aviation markets unexamined.

However, the Commission may face a fight over the legal grounds it has used to extend its

#### New TV channel to make joint bids

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Channel 5 Broadcasting, owners of the planned fifth terrestrial television channel, has approached Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB with a plan to buy US programming jointly and to secure terrestrial rights to some

shows now on Sky Television. The talks, which are still at an early stage, could see the two broadcasters bid jointly for US shows before the launch of Channel 5 in January 1997.

Channel 5 also wants to bid for the rights to popular action pro-grammes, such as Highlander, to which BSkyB has both terrestrial and satellite rights. Some of Sky's terrestrial rights were bought in advance of the auction for Channel 5, for which BSkyB was a leading contender.

The new channel, owned by

Pearson, United News & Media and CLT, the Luxembourg-based broadcaster, is currently commissioning and acquiring programmes for its first year of operation. With a budget of £110m, next to £600m at ITV, the new channel will concentrate on daytime television, where it is expected to rely on traditional daytime fare, along with US and other imported series.

Sky, which broadcasts popular US shows such as Melrose Place and The Simpsons, has developed into a "proving ground" for US TV series, according to David Elstein, Sky's head of pro-

grammes.
"The ITV companies and the BBC have both understood that if programmes are successful in 25 per cent of UK homes, then they should be popular in the other 75 per cent" - those without cable or satellite.

Two popular programmes pioneered in the UK by Sky, The Simpsons and The X-Files, are now being broadcast on the BBC. Mr Elstein said the advantages work both ways.

# Defensive Woolwich set to mount dual takeover

NIC CICUTTI

Woolwich Building Society is preparing to mount dual takeover bids on a huilding part of a rapid expansion strat-egy ahead of its planned £3bn stock market flotation. Among the institutions it has held talks with are Birmingham Midshires and NPL the mutual insurer:

Woolwich hopes to make at least one announcement concerning a UK society or an nsurer ahead of its demutualisation next year.

A separate acquisition in Euope is also likely in the next few months. However, any takeover would not be completed until after Woolwich's flotation.

Its moves were yesterday seen by some City analysts as helping to stave off the advances of rival predators, including Prudential, which are believed to be considering their own takeover, bids for Woolwich. - society or a life company. The

ecutive, John Stewart, that Woolwich must expand in the UK and in Europe to become an all-round financial services player. Mr Stewart yesterday declined to comment on details of the society's talks.

"What we are trying to do at Woolwich is wrap financial services round the customer and his needs, be that in the field of life and pensions, general insurance, protection, savings,

loans, or plastic cards. "When you move in that direction, you will realise there are gaps. You don't need to be a rocket scientist to work out areas in which we need to grow."

Mr Stewart stressed Woolwich was determined not to mount hostile bids for another But it also reflects the view aim of talking to an insurer fits newly appointed chief exines of Woolwich Life, the society's subsidiary, potentially linking up with a specialist pen-

sions provider. It is understood that talks on building society mergers have not been exclusive to Birming-

ham Midshires.
Similarly, while Woolwich believes NPL would be a good "fit", the insurer might not wish to have more detailed discussions. Talks with other mutuals are thought to be at a more advanced stage.

A Midshires spokesman said: "Rumours will be rumours. But do not hold your breath for an announcement because there



Under wraps: John Stewart of the Woolwich

will not be one this week or the

next. The stumbling block is thought to be a refusal by Mr Jackson to consider a subservient position in a merged organisation after five years at

the helm of Midshires. Laurie Edmans, marketing director at NPI, said: "It is flattering that Woolwich think so well of us.

We have had conversations, but I would not dignify their sta-

#### Figures underline strong US economy DIANE COYLE were up 0.4 per cent during the

Economics Editor

There was fresh evidence yesterday of the strength of the US economy as the Federal Reserve's open market committee despite the evidence, the Fed did not raise interest rates.

Factory orders rose for the third month running in May, the number of new new jobless claims declined unexpectedly last week, and consumer confidence has reached a six-year high according to a poll for ABC News. Orders rose by 1.9 per cent in

May, while the initial estimate of a small decline in April was revised to a 0.2 per cent increase. The jump in May was partly explained by aircraft orders, but there were increases in other categories too, notably industrial hardware and cars. Excluding aircraft and transportation, orders month. In another encouraging sign of stronger demand, levels of stocks decreased slightly in May, while unfilled orders increased by 0.4 per cent. ... Jobless claims fell by 4,000 to 351,000 in the last week of June,

the third weekly decline in a row. The less erratic four-week average of new claims fell to 355,750 from 356,500. This suggests figures for employment in June, due on Friday, could be stronger than anticipated. A surprise surge in the

number of jobs in May hit shares on Wall Street due to fears strong growth would force the Fed to raise interest rates. US employment has risen by an average of 222,400 a month

so far this year, a pace many analysts think will have the Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan worried about future wage inflation.

Germany: Escom crisis deepens as losses mount | Jobless totals likely to remain high in the short term

# Computer giant seeks creditor protection

and NIGEL COPE

Escom, Germany's secondlargest computer retailer which bought the former Rumbelows chain in the UK last year, filed for protection from creditors yes-terday after mounting losses. Escomshares on the Düsseldorf stock exchange were suspended following the company's an-nouncement that it would begin intensive talks" with suppliers, creditors and shareholders about "stabilising" finances.

Source: FT Information

The filing follows Monday's innouncement that Escom was closing 65 of its 233 UK stores with the loss of 227 jobs. Yes-terday the company said the UK business would not be affected by the problems of the German and that it has the full support of its banks," it said.

Escom UK was established as a separate business from the German parent in May. The company says its management accounts show that the UK business made a profit of £1m last year. "The UK PC market is booming, it is the German mar-ket that is in recession," a spokesman said.

In March, the Escom group reported a net loss of DM125m 652.5m) for last year, but latest figures put the shortfall as high as DM180m, and yesterday it forecast another substantial deficit for the current year. The company presented a restructuring programme earlier this year but had been unable to

parent. "Escom confirms that it reach agreement with creditors will continue to trade in the UK and suppliers to protect liquidity. .Of the DM100 sought in capital mjections, only DM60m has flowed into the accounts so far.

News of Escom's difficulties follows an announcement by Digital on Tuesday that it is to cut 7,000 jobs after problems in its computer business in Europe. Digital is the world's second-Digital is the world's second-largest computer company after IBM. The problems affecting all computer companies are falling PC prices which have forced many manufacturers to give rebates to dealers on unsold stock.

For 10 years Escom had been one of the success stories of German industry. Turnover rose 90 per cent annually, turning the computer shop into a global manufacturer and retailer of cut-price home PCs.

# Recovery fails to lift employment gloom

Workers made redundant in Germany by Escom could have trouble finding new jobs. Unemployment stands at 10.3 per cent of the workforce, a shade below post-war records. The economic recovery expected in the second half of this year is not expected to make big inroads into the jobless total,

writes Diane Coyle. Chancellor Helmut Kohl admitted as much yesterday, Speaking at the Federal Labour Office, he said: "We know from past experience that an economic revivial has a positive impact on the labour market only after some delay. The business cycle will not contribute to more employment this year."

There was further evidence that the economy is starting to recover. Industrial output increased by 1.1 per cent in May, the Bundesbank reported yes-terday. It was still 2.1 per cent lower than a year earlier, but the third monthly rise in succession was far bigger than

economists had predicted. The May increase was driven by manufacturing output rather than construction. Of particular interest was a 24 per cent increase in the production of intermediate goods, which typi-cally expands strongly in the early stages of a recovery.

"The German economy bottomed at the end of the year and is now on the road to recovery," said Richard Reid, chief economist at investment bank UBS in Frankfurt. But he warned that growth would be subdued until confidence recovered too - something high unemployment is likely to

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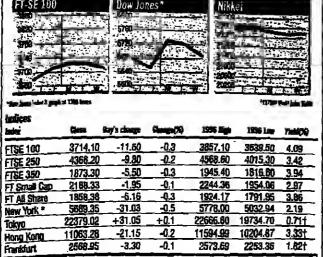
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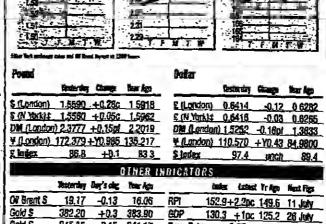


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gap to close.

# A landslide for Labour would spell trouble

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Snatching Rover from under the nose of brand of old Cay than Ian Lang's jaded beautiful and will pursue the brand of old Cay than Ian Lang's jaded by the language of old Cay than Ian Language of old Cay brand of old Conservatism. Although the Labour leader's speech broke little new ground it was delivered with self-confidence, conviction and enough self-deprecation to hint at sincerity and mortality at the same time. In contrast Mr Lang's peroration on regional policy a day earlier was dull stuff indeed, a speech that said nothing. went nowhere and was evidently delivered with as little relish as it was received.

There may be more interesting places to be than the British Chambers of Commerce national conference on a wet midweek day but the two performances must have left the delegates wondering which party was really more interested in capturing the business vote. The Chambers of Commerce see things differently to the big battalions of industry, where suspicions about Labour's true colours continue to run deep. Reaction at the conference yesterday to Mr Blair's vision of Labour and business could scarcely have been believed. have been better. On a show of bands, delegates who thought Mr Blair would be prime minister after the next election outnumbered those who believed it would continue to be John Major by 20 to one.

On fiscal responsibility, on education and on Europe the Labour leader did not put a foot wrong. He even made the Social Chapter sound not like the bogeyman dreamt up by a reconstructed socialist but a tool to aid by a reconstructed social charge and social ch on Europe the Labour leader did not put a

same policy outlined in opposition yesterday.

The answer may turn on the size of his majority. A small working majority would prohably enable New Labour to deliver. Too hig a landslide and old Labour could be haying for blood. Anything much above 50 would certainly spell trouble. In that case yesterday's endorsements in Birmingham could begin to look ili placed. If even the present Conservalive government is getting itself into trouble on the public finances, as next Tuesday's summer economic forecasts from the Treasury will confirm, how on curth is Mr Blair going to hold the lid on demands for ever greater government spending? As far as business is concerned, Mr Blair is making all the right noises, but despite his best endeav-ours he still has a credibility gap to close.

#### GEC is a heavy weight on Simpson's shoulders

It is just as well George Simpson is not given to worrying about other people's high ex-pectations of him. Confirmation that he will succeed Lord Weinstock in September helped make GEC the Footsie's most heavily GEC has outstripped the market handsomely over the full stretch of Lord Weinstock's tenure, it has done its utmost to squander the advantage throughout the 1980s and 1990s.

GEC did rather better for many years than many of the other national champions created with the blessing of Harold Wilson in the late 1960s, but ultimately it has failed when set against the likes of Siemens of Germany. The two companies were about the same size when GEC swallowed Associated Electrical and English Electric; today the British company is dwarfed by the German and it has tumbled down the league tables

of the world's industrial giants. Now is not the time to dwell on Lord Weinstock's stewardship, but if George Simpson is to effect lasting change at GEO he will have to learn lessons from a man who has been accused, with a degree of justification, of doing more damage to British industry, through errors of omission, than

any other businessman. That might seem a harsh assessment on the day GEC's profits broke through the £1bn mark for the first time. With orders standing at £14hn and £2.5bn in the bank,

the Japanese and selling it on to BMW showed that Mr Simpson has some talent for selling businesses and in the short term there are plenty of peripheral operations that look ripe for that treatment. In the long run, however, GEC needs to re-learn how to build businesses by investing in them.

Having ceded effective control of its elecommunications and power arms into joint ventures with the Germans and French, GEC's future lies in Marconi and, possibly other areas of the still fast-growing electronics industry. That will require long-term vision and a willingness to take short-term risks With such a fat cheque book, Mr Simp-

son has an opportunity that comes to very few husinessmen - a real chance of re-invigorating a moribund industry where Britain still has the will and expertise to succeed. Mr Simpson may make light of the task that faces him, and the hope that many are investing in him, but it is in truth a heavy weight of responsibility that is being placed on his shoulders. Let's hope he's up to it.

#### BA link-up may never get off the ground

looking into the planned get-together, but the European interest may well prove rather more serious than that.

The way BA figures it, Brussels will be hard pressed to ban its code sharing with American because similar alliances at Lufthansa and KLM have already been sanctioned by their respective national authorities. If Brussels wanted to ban the lot, so be it. They'd all be in the same boat and BA probably wouldn't be too unhappy. But surely not even Brussels would consider blocking BA's plans while allowing the others to continue.

Well actually it might. BA's link-up with American is in a different league to the ones that have gone before and involves a much larger concentration of market power. It would be easy for the Commission to turn round and say: "OK, the others just about get through, but this one doesn't." In the meantime the deal faces the prospect of an MMC investigation in the UK as well. On the other side of the Atlantic, rival American airlines insist that the open skies policy promised as a quid pro quo for allowing the link-up is pointless without stripping BA of a very substantial proportion of its London airport landing right slots. As far as BA is concerned, this is not up for negotiation.

# Capel ends Warburg's five-year reign

PATRICK TOOHER

SBC Warburg's five-year tenure as the City's top-rated research house ended yesterday when NatWest Securities clinched the 23rd Extel survey of investment analysts.

James Capel, the broker that dominated the table throughout the 1980s and which is now owned by HSBC, rose from fourth position to just plp SBC Warburg for second spot.

"The result particularly re-flects NatWest's foremost position in the UK sectors," said Geoffrey Osmint, consulting editor of the survey which is weighted by the size of funds managed by those institutional investors who voted.

NatWest also walked away with the award for the best sector coverage. This was won for the third year running by its oil team led by Fergus MacLeod who narrowly beat off a strong challenge from the textile and apparel team at BZW, led by

the best individual analyst's award on his behalf from Alis-

The 23rd Extel survey

all-sectors league table (2) NatWest Securities (4) HSBC James Capel (1) SBC Warburg (7) UBS Ltd

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(10) Morgan Stanley International (9) Goldman Sachs

title ahead of HSBC James Capel's engineering specialist Charles Burrows, was notable by his absence at yesterday's London Guildhall lunch, which has become the "Brit Awards" for brokers.

Instead it fell to Mr Macapparel team at BZW, led by
Julia Blake.

Mr MacLeod, who also won

Leod's colleagues, Suzy Mayne
and David Atkinson, head of equity research, to accept the

tair Darling, Labour's City spokesman. "Fergus is off trekking in Pakistan for a few weeks," Ms Mayne said after-wards "He has just finished a 300-page oil document so he needs some well-deserved rest."

The survey's findings are an-other blow for SBC Warburg, formed last year after Swiss Bank Corporation paid £800m for SG Warburg's investment banking activitles. (8) ABN AMRO Hoere Since the merger the investment bank has been hit by high-level defections from its corporate finance side which

> The results also show that UBS leap-frogged three places to take fourth posidon, ahead of BZW which fell two notcbes to number five. UBS was helped by more votes for its European research, which is rated second only to SBC Warburg. Merrill Lynch, which includes broker Smith New Court, and Kleinwort Benson, owned by Germany's Dresdner Bank, stayed at number six and seven respectively in the peck-

observers say bas affected its

securities business.



Voted the best; David Atkinson and Suzy Mayne, members of NatWest's top-rated analysts' team, receiving awards yesterday

when he was poached by rivals
BZW for significantly more
money after being voted best individual analyst. Mr Plag was on
gardening leave when this year's

only report the fund manager's
opinions of the quality of analysts' work," Mr Osmint said.
"Only those who employ them
can gauge their revenue poing order of stockbroking firms. The awards are often criticised as being an excuse for highly-rated analysts to rack up the telephone number salaries they already command. Last year, for poll was being conducted. example, NatWest's pharma-centicals analysts Steve Plag caused a stir among colleagues

Photograph: Philip Meech lysts' work," Mr Osmint said. "Only those who employ them

can gauge their revenue po-tential. Experience would show there is not necessarily a direct But yesterday Extel denied the survey determined the level of analysts' remuneration, "We correlation between earnings power and an analyst's ranking."

#### IN BRIEF

 The European Commission admitted that it could not tell whether Credit Lyonnais, the state-owned bank undergoing restructuring following an injection of French government aid, was meeting the conditions set for it by the EU. Karel Van Miert, European competition commissioner, said regular progress reports agreed with French authorities before aid was waved through were lacking "some elements". Mr Van Miert declined to give any timeframe for the French authorities or to specify whether he will reopen the Commission's inquiry into Credit Lyonnais.

 Visa International, the credit card company, bas backed away from plans to stop member banks from issuing rivals' credit cards after talks with the European Commission. US-based companies American Express and Dean Witter Discover & Co had complained in January that any han would be anti-competitive.

• Orient-Express Hotels, a subsidiary of Sea Containers, has acquired the hunry Reid's Hotel, in Madeira, from the Blandy Group for an undisclosed sum, Blandy said yesterday that Reid's future was best served by heing part of a larger hotel group. The proceeds of the sale will be used to consolidate various Blandy phareholdings and to Spanse investment to a reverse in Medeira. holdings and to finance investments in new areas in Madeira.

Like-for-like sales at Sainsbury's supermarkets grew by 3.3 per cent excluding petrol sales in the last two months. The increase is far lower than recent figures from rivals such as Asda and Tesco. Petrol sales are "significantly" below last year's level due to the petrol price war. Sales at Homebase are up 8 per cent and those at Texas Homecare are up by 1 per cent. All the Texas stores will be re-branded as branches of Homebase by October.

 Shell Oil has reached agreement with several partners, including BP Exploration, Conoco and Exxon, to develop a \$1.45bn (£1bn) deep-water oil and gas platform in the Gulf of Mexico. The project, called Ursa, will reach production rates of 150,00 barrels of oil and 400 million cubic feet of gas a day.

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# Blair wins business vote of confidence

MICHAEL HARRISON Birmingham

Tony Blair yesterday took a big step towards reassuring the business community that Labour could be trusted in power and that its economic and industrial policies would not be hijacked by the hard left.

Business leaders attending the annual conference of the British Chambers of Commerce in Birmingham gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to the Labour leader as he spelt out the party's plans on taxation, the economy, labour relations and education, trade and Europe. Delegates said that Mr Blair

had received a warmer welcome than the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, who spoke on Tuesday, and had gone a long way to laying the ghost of Labour's interventionist past. In a foretaste of Labour's Road to Manifesto document being unveiled today, Mr Blair pledged that its economic policy once in power would be

based on "save and invest, not tax and spend". He repeated his pledge to work for sustainable non-inflationary growth, saying Labour would set and stick to an explicit low target for inflation and would not indulge in a dash for

short-term growth. He also pledged that although Labour supported the Social Chapter and a minimum wage, any new measures would only be introduced after consultation with business and if they enhanced Britain's com-

On regulation he promised a

"lean but effective" regime and trust of Labour in the busiwhich did not tie business up in ness community.

unnecessary bureaucratic knots. Robin Geldard, the past-Labour would also be in the. forefront of promoting free trade and opposing protec-tionism while it would give Britain a leading role in deter-

But above all Mr Blair sought to persuade his audience that Labour's economic policies would not after once in power and that the idea of the hard left

mining Europe's future.



Road show: Tony Biair sets out to lay a ghost

just waiting until it got into office to reverse its policies

was "ridiculous". He said: "We say what we mean and we mean what we say. The old ideologies are dead. The traditional divisions between left and right over busi-

ness are a thing of the past."
He said it was fundamentally unhealthy that business had a history of siding with one political party against another. But there had been a transfor-

president of the British Chamhers of Commerce, said afterwards that Mr Blair had done much to allay the fears of the business community although his successor, David Richardson, cautioned that the Labour leader's ability to hold the line might depend on the

size of his majority.

Bob Moore of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, said that Mr Blair had received a warmer response than Mr Lang and had captured the mood of optimism. "What we saw today was a pragmatic and professional approach. There is an increasing sense that business would be comfortable working

with either party," he said.
John Townsend, chairman of the Association of East Midlands Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said: "Blair is convincing quite a body of the business community that Labour is a party with which we can work. There is nowhere near the apprehension that there was only five years ago." Other delegates went further, saying that the Labour leader had moved directly into territory occupied by the Conservatives and that fears about the Social

Chapter were vastly overstated. Roger Charnley, chief exec-utive of the Lincolnshire Chambers of Commerce said that businessmen there already had experience of a Labour-controlled City Council in Lincoln and it had worked well. "If there is to be a Labour administration

#### Bank of China plans HQ in London

The Bank of China has decided to locate its new merchant bank headquarters in London, adding to the long list of international institutions which have opted recently to put their key decision makers in the City, writes Peter Rodgers.

Investment bankers believe the decision has already been made in Peking but not confirmed in public because of the tension between China and Britain over the future of democracy in Hong Kong.

Haruko Fukuda, deputy chairman of the Japanese securities firm Nikko Europe, said she had been told of the decision to opt for a London headquarters by senior officials of the Bank of China.

She said: "The Chinese have recently decided to locate their merchant banking beadquar-ters in London rather than in Hong Kong, or indeed New York. They told me that this is because London is the world's financial centre."

The emergence of London as the central location for Bank of China's new investment banking business is a surprise because the £100bn group has a powerful presence already in Hong Kong. where it owns Bank of China Group Securities, a rapidly growing investment bank.

A spokesman for Bank of China described Ms Fukuda's statement as "premature," because the headquarters of the new merchant bank planned by the group was "not necessarily mation in the understanding we would seek to work with it." | going to be in London."

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#### More 'villages' threaten the high street will continue to suffer in spite are Oaks centre in the Wiral last Bicester Village, Oxfordshire.

NIGEL COPE

Britain's largest developer of factory shopping centres is to open a further four "villages" in the UK by the end of the decade. The new centres will cost £250m to build and add almost 1 million square feet of retail space, largely out of town.

The developments will fuel

concerns that UK high streets

ford site is in the town centre. The sites will be developed by BAA McArthur Glen, the joint

of stricter planning guidelines. The new centres will open near junction 28 on the M1 between Derby and Sheffield in late 1997, in Ashford, Kent, in 1998 and later in York and Brigend, Wales. Only the Ash-

year. Another is due to open in Swindon next year.

Modelled on the factory shopping concept in the US, the centres let space to high-profile brand retailers such as Timberland and Ralph Lauren who use the shops to sell excess or unwanted stock at lower prices. Other sites are the Clark's Vilventure that opened the Chesh-lage in Street. Somerset, and

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Joey Kaempfer, BAA Mc-Arthur Glen's chief executive. said: "There is room for around 15 large centres in the UK with the current planning restrictions." He denied that the new developments would undermine local high streets. "Some retailers who open in our centres, say their local town centre branches benefit as a result."

# Cray offers a lesson in wonder shares

The history of Cray Electronics should be a salutary lesson for investors swept off their feet by stock market wonder shares. The company was a darling of the City when such things were fashionable, but everything has gooe horribly wrong and reducing the portfolio is only slightly higher than previously indicated. But the decision to concentrate the cated is the portfolio is only slightly higher than previously indicated in the cated is the portfolio is only slightly higher than previously indicated in the cated is the portfolio is only slightly higher than previously indicated in the cated in the c since last year's profits warning. After peaking at 198p in February 1994 the shares are back almost exactly where they were when former chairman Roger Holland and his team

Roger Dye, the only recently appointed finance director, is not a good omen. An £835,000 profit in 1995 has been replaced by a mas-sive £19.4m deficit at the pre-tax

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the business on Watford has led to year, putting the shares on a heady a further £2.6m property charge.

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Cray is up against glants like BT and Cavendish. Reported pre-tax profits Earnings growth it multiple of over 20, but the real hope must lie in takeover prospects. Hold.

slipped from £5.08m to £4.62m.

all the increase came from the 387

erating margins were broadly un-

changed at just under 21 per ceot.

#### Growing pains at Cavendish

The £21.5m bid by Court Cavendish for rival nursing home group is illustrated by the fact that while Greenacre in April looks to bave overall fees rose 2.2 per cent, wage action to focus the business, symbolised in yesterday's £11m deal to sell the profitable P-E International

two of its homes, the addition of Greenacre will raise gearing from a year-eod figure of 35 per cent to

the move to depreciate property this year (at a cost of £732,000) and exceptional gains last time, there was underlying growth of 13 per cent. But underlying growth of 13 per cent. But

#### extra beds the group has either built or acquired in the past two years. Opwith Sherwood

phase in the sector. That deat, now sure is uninkery to ease, given the onconditional, catapulted Court shortage of nursing staff and the well models in its annual report in April Cavendish into third place among publicised problems of local authority funding for the elderly.

Those difficulties contributed to a stage of the sta

Even after yesterday's £6.7m sale and leaseback deal with Abbey Life on

Earnings growth this year will be held back by a further 280 bed de-Stripping out the one-off effects of velopment programme and a sharply

# Costs catch up

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Gray Electronics: at a glance Market value: £97.2m, share price 41p Five-Year record 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 Share price pence 26.2 0.84 25 2.25

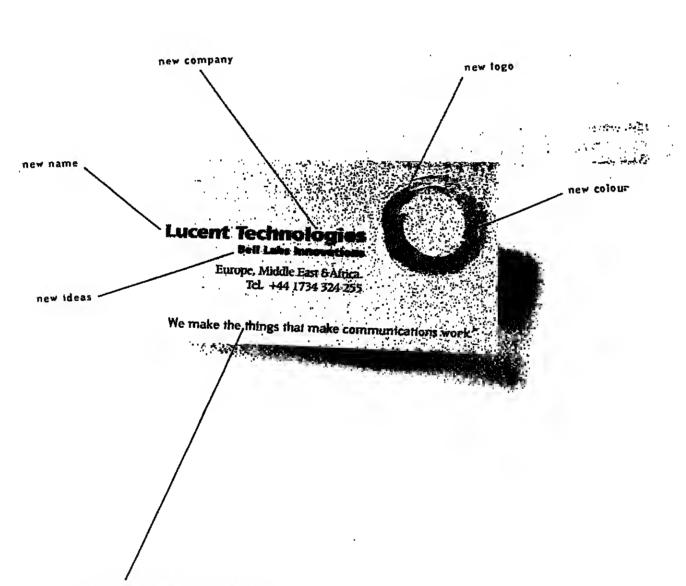
costs, weak demand and weather that depressed sales of everything from woolly jumpers to socks. In fact, Sherwood has run into some of the same problems, only later.

Yesterday's profits warning showed that the group's performance has been adversely affected by weak consumer demand, not in the UK but in continental Europe. The downturn will mean the halfyear profits will show a "significant shortfall" on last year when the com-

In the garment division, the Italin the garment division, the har-ian lingerie manufacturer Lepel bas-been hit by weaker demand, partic-ularly from supermarkets. European demand for Sherwood's lace

has also been under pressure, particularly from cheaper versions from Italy, and the company will take a £500,000 re-structuring this year to cut costs in Holland and Germany. The company needs to move upmarket to differentiate itself more and the only bright spot is the UK where the lace business improved.

With the board expecting the soggy market to continue throughout the summer before an upturn in the fioal quarter, there is little here to cheer shareholders. The shares fell another 9p to 73p yesterday. With Nat West forecasting full-year profits of £14m, the shares trade on a forward rating of 10. Given the uncertainties, that is about right.



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# Ailing Wickes secures £18m from banks

#### PATRICK TOOHER

Wickes, the troubled DIY retailer laid low by the recent discovery of serious accounting irregularities, yesterday said it had secured the support of its syndicate of 11 banks to provide new lending facilities.

Chairman Micbael von Brentano said: "Our objective and that of our funding banks has been to ensure stability for the business. We have made it plain that the accounting issues which have been uncovered should not detract from the fact that our op-

erating businesses are sound."
A Wickes spokesman said a working facility of £18m had been made available to the company. This replaces the £30m Wickes borrowed from a banking syndicate led by Barclays in February 1995, but had never fully drawn down.



Resigned: Henry Sweetbaum will still be questioned

The news followed lengthy recent meetings with the bankers to assess the problems. They were concerned about Wickes' future following last week's revelations of an accounting scam going back

several years.
Wickes, the UK's third largest DIY retailer, has reiterated in the last week that the accounting problems have not resulted in a cash flow problem.

But the irregularities, described by the company as "de-liberately misleading", have resulted in an overstating of profits over several years. Latest internal estimates indicate that 1995 profits were overstated by £20m to £25m.

Wickes is currently in the throes of an internal investigation to discover the scale of the prohlem and its perpetrators. The thrust of the investigation, being carried out by accountants Price Waterhouse and law firm Linklaters & Paines, is believed to ceotre on the relationship be tween Wickes and its suppliers. Initial reports are expected oext

Meanwhile the company's shares remain suspended at 69p, having almost halved when news

of the irregularities broke. Henry Sweetbaum resigned the oext day as the £1m-a-year chairman and chief executive. Two senior managers have also been suspended pending the outcome of the inquiry which will interview Wickes' employees. including Mr Sweetbaum.

#### **Buy-back** hits RJB shares

#### MAGNUS GRIMOND

RJB Mining, Britain's biggest coal group, yesterday spent £94.3m buying back about 10 per cent of its outstanding shares. Richard Budge, chief executive, sold nearly 400,000 of his own holding but still retains

3.6 million shares. The buy-back is expected to double gearing to around 60 per cent, but it should result in a 7 per cent enhancement to earn-

ings in a full year.

Gordon McPhie, finance director, said it was a reward for shareholders who backed the £815m acquisition of the English assets of British Coal at the

end of 1994. "It's a good buy back and I think very few people thought we could do this when we bought English Coal 18 mooths ago." He said it would not affect maoagement share op-tions, which became exercisable

from the beginning of June. The purchase, handled by the company's brokers Barclays de Zoete Wedd, lowered RJB's shares 13p to 540p yesterday. It coincided with a statement revealing that coal sales had slipped by 1 millioo tonnes to 20 million tonnes in the first balf of 1996.

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#### Reed pays £160m for Shepard

#### MATHEW HORSMAN **Media Editor**

Reed-Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing giant, yesterday scooped up a half-share in the leading US legal citation service, Shepard, paying about \$250m (£160m). The deal, done in partnership

with Times Mirror, the US publishing company, gives Reed a new partner to explore on-line publishing opportunities in the burgeoning US market. For tax reasons, the deal has beeo structured as an asset

swap between Times Mirror and McGraw Hill, which is offering Shepard in exchange for the Times Mirror Higher Education Group.

Nigel Stapleton, Reed's deputy chairman, said yesterday the acquisition would be earnings-enhancing. "This was a good opportunity, and an excellent fit with Times Mirror."

Reed's subsidiary, Lexus Nexus, is a leading on-line publishing service, and will be able to handle the electronic aspects of the Shepard business. Times Mirror subsidiary Matthew Beoder is a leader in CD-Rom and hard-copy publishing. which makes the two companies "logical partners". Mr Stapleton said.

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Last week it was riding high. profits progress, helped by a True, it had missed becoming a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index but it seemed set to mount another powerful bid to join the exclusive blue-chip club when membership is reviewed in September.

But the office equipment group has blotted its copybook and Footsie dreams have evaporated. A surprise profit warning has sent the glamour-rated shares crashing yesterday they fell 35p to 448p making a crushing 237p fall since the caution became known last week. They reached 848p in May when Danka's market capitalisation approached

The slide, underlining the

A week is a long time in the stock market. Witness the fate of Danka Business Systems.

I are week is a long time in the mere 42p in 1992. They have soared as, seemingly defying the odds, Danka made startling the odds. succession of acquisitions. In the year to end-March it produced £53.9m and analysts pencilled in a confident £80m or so for the current year.

Although most observers still expect profits of the Florida-based group to advance this year, say to £73m, the Danka experience shows that high-flyers have little, if any, room for disappointment. The mostly US investors who stumped up £129m in a

placing at the equivalent of 683p in February most be feeling particularly miffed.

Danka was not the only share to sink in another lacklustre session. Allied Domecq, the struggling drinks group, found yet another low, off op at 445p, and Hanson continued

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11p to 296p.
Yorkshire Type Tees TV,
Tucsday's star bid candidate,

held most of its gain, closing just 3p lower at 1,235p. Grana-

ing 2.5p to 173p. Footsie fell 11.6 points to 3,714.1 and Labour's proposed windfall there was not even the re-deeming feature of much ac-tivity in the rest of the market. The Ken and Eddie meeting gaining 22p to 565p. A US strike - yes again - was the buzz. MAID, the on-line incame and went without any in-terest rate change but in the US the rate fixing FOMC meeting formation group where Reuters is said to be display-

could, it was feared, lead to higher transatlantic rates. With Wall Street closed today and any activity tomorrow likely to be unsettled by the unpredictable US employment figures as well as any interest rate move, there was an in-

General Electric Co led blue chips as Lord Weinstock produced his last set of results as managing director. The betterthan-expected profits and dividend lifted the shares 12p to

363p in busy trading.
Pilkington's meetings with
analysts had little impact with a little by the disclosure that the glass maker's shares unchanged at 183p. But paper and packaging group David S Smith, little changed at 277p shrugged off a downgrade from SBC Warburg; the investment house cut from £130m to £105m.

Redland, the building materials group, shaded 4p to 397p as Mees Pierson lowered its forecast by £5m to £332m. Unilever retreated 17p to 1257e on Mercill Lynch sell. 1,257p on Merrill Lynch sell

Sherwood, the clothing group, slipped 9p to 73p fol-lowing a profit warning, Cour-tankles Textiles lost 10p to 344p

lifted British Aerospace a few coppers and Warburg support pulled FKI 3.5p higher to 176p. RJB Mining, after its buy-back of 17.1 million shares at 551p through Barclays de Zoete Wedd, dropped 13p to

540p.
Calluna, making miniature hard disks for computers, mannard disks for computers, man-aged a 1p gain to 89p. The company said it was not aware of any reason for the recent share slide which has cut the price from around 120p.

Psion, planning to buy much of Amstrad, gained 16p to 425p as chairman David Potter met institutional investors to outline the Amstrad deal. Newcomers continued to arrive on AIM. They included Circle Communications, a TV

rights group, which closed at 185p against the 170p placing. On Officx, Robotic Technology Systems touched 40p, closing

Office equipment supplier Danka blots its copybook good track record" is how

Nigel Popham of stockbroker Teather & Greenwood describes Glenchewton, the houseware group which has moved into pubs. He fore-casts profits of £1.7m this year with £3.2m in 1998. The pub operation is concentrating on food outlets and he expects the chain to double to 30 next year. The shares, which have had a good run lately, were unchanged at 61p.

Two tiddlers tapped the market for cash. Greenhills, with an American-style restaurant opening in London's West End, pulled in around £200,000 placing shares at 14p and Surrey, a bookie, achieved a similar sum with a 1p placing. It wants the cash to develop golf interests. Greenhills held at 15p; Surrey at 1p.

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is unpredictable, with individual com-

panies likely to behave in entirely dif-

ferent ways, the new research

suggests. It also indicates that big busi-

nesses will create more and longer-

lasting jobs than small companies.

Secondly, because workers face 3

high risk of their job vanishing - a

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relevant job opportunities vanishing.

ernments should think carefully

about the detailed impact of policy

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building will trigger restructuring in

certain industries or regions. These

than changes in interest rates or taxes. The final moral is that the constant

and massive turnover in jobs - which

Joseph Schumpeter, the favourite

economist of free-marketeers, would

have claimed as part of the "creative

destruction" of capitalism - means

it is impossible to draw any conclu-

sions from one day's headlines. Dull as it is, we will have to wait for offi-

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The third conclusion is that gov-

# business

# Small firms create more jobs, and other myths

It was a grim start to the working week. On Monday, three employers - shoe manufacturer Clarks, German computer firm Escom and the London Stock Exchange - between them announced 2017 job cuts in Britain. Those of a gloomy disposition found the temptation to link the three announcements in a comment on the state of the economy irresistible.

Redundancies always have to be taken seriously, of course. But the trouble with monitoring company announcements is that it is difficult to be systematic. People pick out what they want to see, and many see only confirmation of their conviction that British industry is sliding down a sad spiral of decline. But one day's worth of bad news does not paint a realistic portrait of the job market.

A month's worth of newspaper reports presents a slightly fuller picture. The table shows the job losses and gains that made the news in June only a tiny fraction of the actual totals. Even so, it shows that job losses and gains in a month chosen at random were pretty evenly balanced. In fact, there were slightly more new jobs than redundancies, although, not surprisingly, many more column

inches written about the latter. As the Stanford economist Paul Krugman has made it his mission to point out, you cannot base a sensihle view of the world on headline stories about big companies. The reason, as far as the outlook for jobs and unemployment goes, is that flows of jobs created and destroyed in any given period are far greater than the net increase or decrease in employment. Rates of job turnover in industrial economies are astonishingly high. OECD figures show



#### **ECONOMIC VIEW** DIANE COYLE

destruction plus creation of jobs as a proportion of the workforce - was in the range of 12-20 per cent from cyclical behaviour of employment the mid-1980s to 1992. There was no marked transatlantic difference in turnover. The one exception was the UK, with an unusually low 9 per cent. And even that corresponds to about one in 11 jobs (that is, around two million) being destroyed or created every year. The high turnover rates compared with rates of net job change of between minus 2 and plus

jobs for most countries - that is the cycle, which argue that economywide shocks cause aggregate fluctuations, are debunked too. The across industries is extraordinarily varied. They do not react the same way in recessions.

Recessions are marked by a sharp increase in average job destruction rates and little change in job creation rates, meaning that job turnover rises too. The variation in job destruction over the business cycle is more pronounced among bigger and older

#### One day's worth of bad news does not paint a realistic portrait of the job market

Interest Rates

and bust.

4 per cent during the same years. It adds up to a lot of churning.

A new book\* explores job turnover patterns in American manufacturing, topoling several myths in the process. One myth is that small firms create more jobs. This is true in the gross sense but not net, for small firms destroy a disproportionate number of jobs too. The authors write: "Because high job creation rates typify employers of all sizes, and because the manufacturing jobs base is dominated by large employers, large employers account for the bulk of job creation (and destruction)." The average US manufacturing plant has 1,600 employees.

These facts suggest that a recession is a period of faster industrial restructuring rather than simply an economy-wide reaction to a common shock such as higher oil prices or a surprise increase in interest rates. An event like this is a trigger, but individual industries and companies react differently. The pace of restructuring subsides during a long recovery. The long-term trend decline in employment in manufacturing is due to slower job creation rather than faster job destruction. As changes in the underlying job

firms. Smaller and younger firms display a much weaker pattern of boom

opportunities account for about half

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of the moves workers make between jobs or into and out of unemployment, unemployment also rises during recessions. During a recovery, moves into unemployment are dominated by new entrants and re-entrants to the labour market. During a recession, the rise in job destruction is the main reason.

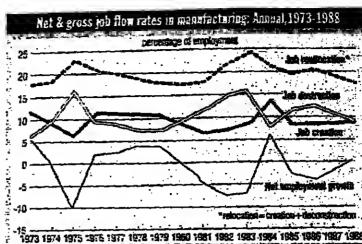
Europeans, however, are far less likely to move from job to job via a short spell of unemployment, so even during good times inflows into unemployment are mainly due to job destruction. In America about one in 12 of the workforce moves into unemployment in an average quarter, and about the same proportion moves out. Both flows into and out of unem-

ployment rise during a recession. The study, based on the first comprehensive exploration of detailed statistics on individual US manufacturing plants during 1972-88, finds that rates of job creation and destruction are remarkably large. About one in 10 manufacturing jobs disappears every year and about as many new ones are created. The minimum

in any year was one in 12. The changes are concentrated on particular plants: two-thirds at plants which are expanding or contracting by more than 25 per cent. Plants that close account for fully a quarter of job destruction. The message is plaint job creation and destruction in the manufacturing sector often involve dramatic events such as the start-up of a new plant or the death of an old plant."

Large scale job flows characterise all sectors of industry. Even shrinking industries display massive job creation and destruction, although the rate of turnover varies widely between industries.

However, high wage and capital-intensive industries experience smaller





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fotal gains: 2,175 gross job flows. High wage jobs - typically in big firms - are more durable.

and there is much faster net growth

in jobs in high wage and high produc-tivity industries. The figures confirm

that job opportunities for the low-paid

shrank during the 1970s and 1980s.

The book concludes: "This large-

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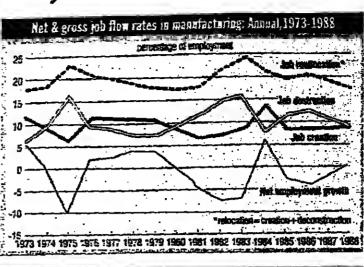
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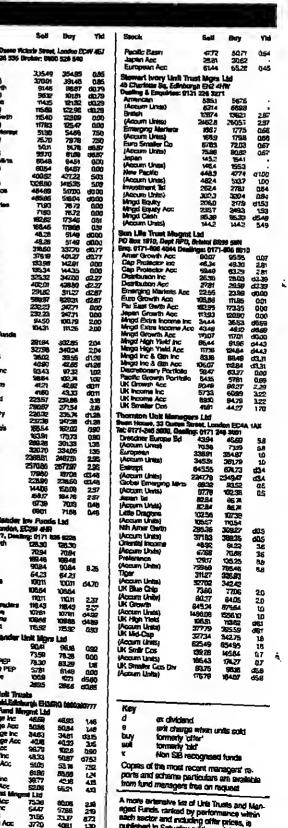
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Assemble   Accord	305					Presente Volt Bust	LN			(Accum Units)
Person   E		Managed income	2930	30.00	de31				177	(Accum Grets)
Particle   1048   3073   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   3074   307	CLE?	(Accum Units)	2255		124		1014	10180	<b>05.04</b>	(Accum Units)
Accord Service   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250   250	163	Person Ex					10534			Portfolio
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Harrish Corn's Unit Truste Ltd	0.59					inti Sm Co	98.67	10457	264	(Accum Units)
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12	1793	Jape/1	5834	7042			MEZ OUE			(Accum Units)
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1.00   Symaler Cos	132	UA Growth			245	Save & Prosper Secur	ties Lad			UK Index
Newton Food Managers Ltd			825	(K.B)	101	16-22 Wostern Road		727	70	UK Small Co's
Appendix   Process   Pro				8847	122	Rosslord, Esses FMM 3LE				
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Cesh Acc		American Acc Réfere		55 A		Cas/i China Dramon				
Destructor   99.76   Destructor   99.76   Destructor   Section	-	Cash Acc	68.36	68.36	547	Commodity	1566	168.7		European
Surpenn   SAAD   Seed							3896		_	Samura
Compared	152	European	5640	50.00	d000		162.4	1728		Sterfing Reserve
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Crown Estate profits: Record results for the owner of Pall Mall and a large chunk of Regent Street

# **Taxpayers** take £94m from royal property

#### PATRICK TOOHER

The Crown Estate, owner of Windsor Great Park and prime central London estates, including Pall Mall and large tracts of Regent Street and Kensington, yesterday capped an eventful year by announcing record results most property companies would die for. And for once the higgest winners will be not be share-

holders, but taxpayers.
Under the terms of a deal struck with a cash-strapped King George III in 1760, the monarch agreed to hand over the entire revenue surplus of the Crown Estate in return for

the Civil List. It is a constitutional settlement the monarchy has lived to regret. Payments under the Civil List currently cost the nation £7.9m a year, whereas the Crown Estate will hand over a cheque to Chancellor Kenneth Clarke for £94.6m, 11.5 per cent

more than a year ago.

According to Christopher Howes, the Crown Estate's chief executive, the upkeep of the Royal Family, including head of state expenses, costs about £50m a year, "substan-

tially less than our surplus". The value of the Crown Estate's core property holdings, which also include almost 210,000 acres of agricultural land, Scottish fish farms and a retail park at Altrincham in Cheshire, rose a tenth to undoubtedly position the mile long avenue, first planted and almost all of the seabed out to the 12-mile territorial liming in the 1720s, the Crown Estate £2.2bn. These excellent results front of the UK's leading prop-

erty investment companies," said Sir Denys Henderson, the former boss of ICI and Zeneca, who took over as chairman in

August.
The Crown Estate has increased its revenue surplus every year for the past decade, showing strong growth right through the recession when many property companies plunged into loss. Mr Howes forecasts that the revenue sur-plus will break through the £100m barrier in the year to March 1997.

Mr Howes attributed its success to the discipline of having no borrowing powers. Unlike the Church Commissioners, which lost hundreds of millions financing development with debt, the Crown Estate can only invest with cash raised from asset sales.

The Crown Estate courted controversy last year when it hecame in embroiled in a row over the felling of ancient oak and lime trees in Windsor Great Park.

The felling of oaks in Queen Anne's Ride was halted after representations to Buckingham Palace from conservationists and protests from local councils, residents and activists who camped in tree-houses.

Prince Philip later approved plans for restoring the park avenue, preserving 20 trees he had originally intended to cut

After conducting a review of plans for restoring the three-mile long avenue, first planted decided that the oldest oaks



Prime site: Much of London's Regent Street is owned by the Crown Estate, which has just announced a record year

would be preserved.

The Crown Estate also owns over half the UK's foreshore and almost all of the seabed out it. Mr Howes admitted that that the Crown Estate itself

which survived the chainsaws dealing with the recently privatised water companies and port authorities had forced the Crown Estate to adopt a more commercial approach, but he dismissed suggestions

might one day be privatised. The annual report, also published yesterday, revealed that Mr Howes' pay, including per-formance-related bonuses, rose to £135,237 from £103,982. He also received a £13,297 termi-

nal bonus on the expiry of his contract. A new, two-year contract was subsequently signed. Mr Howes defended his salary package, "I'm not a fat cat," he said. "In fact I'm rather

# City bids and deals yield £500m in fees of public and private merger

#### PETER RODGERS inancial Editor

Bankers, brokers, accountants, lawyers and public relations firms earned £500m from City bids and deals in the first half of the year and are on course to top £1bn for 1996, the magazine Acquisitions Monthly said vesterday. This would be their most

lucrative year, eclipsing the pre-vious record of £950m at the height of the merger mania of the 1980s, when fees reached £950m.

Philip Healey, editor of the magazine, said: The frenzied activity in the first half of 1996 had to be paid for and it did not come cheap."

In the first six months, there

were 729 acquisitions worth £27.3bn, with the highest number of public company hids since 1990. The period also saw enormous shifts of position among the hig investment banks, with Barings, owned by ING, dropping from top posi-tion in 1995 to 11th with £3.2bn

and acquisitions. Union Bank of Switzerland shot up the league table from

20th in 1995 as a whole to fifth in the first half of 1996, with 10 deals worth £4.7bn. By number of transactions, it was top for public company bids, advising on nine. BZW was another riser, up from 17th to sixth. Bids and deals among the utilities continued to be one of the

main sources of income, but the Granada takeover of Forte and the Rentokil hattle for BET were among the other takeovers that helped the fees bonanza. As a result of advising on these two takeovers, Lazards topped the list with £7.25bn.

Among private deals, Lazards advised Liverpool Victoria on the acquisition of Frizzell Group and Firstbus on its purchase of

several bus companies. SBC Warburg rose from third to second place with £6.8bn of deals, including 43 in which it acted for the Government on the sale of British Rail assets.

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# Market abuse targeted by Large

#### PETER RODGERS **Business Editor**

Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, yesterday called for a change in the law to make it casier to bring civil proceedings against market manipulators and to publish the names of people banned from the City.

Speaking at a London conference a fortnight after the Sumitomo affair revealed massive and long-standing manipulation of the copper market, Sir. Andrew said the financial services legislation was drafted more for investor protection than supervision of the markets.

The regulators had limited scope to act against market abuse on their own and their power to investigate suspected

market manipulation.

on enforcing good conduct on businesses authorised to work in financial services. But market people who were not running au-

of the hurdles that had to be

Exchange Commission, SIB's powers were limited to supervising exchanges rather than the broader issue of controlling

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Unlike the US Securities and

credibility problem with criminal

The UK system concentrated

manipulation and insider dealing frequently took place among

prosecutions for offences such as market manipulation and insider trading, because of the height mounted to succeed in court.

the benefits of regulated markets and yet undermines investor confidence in them. There are lessons we can learn from those countries which have chosen to adopt non-criminal remedies as part of their overall approach to dealing with cases of market

Sir Andrew said he did not want to decriminalise market abuse and there would always be cases that merited prosecution. "But I do think that we should consider seriously the possibility of introducing civil powers, Sir Andrew said there was a whether adminstratively or

through the courts." This would allow regulators to deal with cases that did not merit criminal prosecution. They could levy fines, order profits to

abuse outside the authorised He added: "Abuse by the un- be given back and make restilimited, he regulated often seeks to exploit tution to victims, whether or not investment husinesses.

Sir Andrew also said the investor protection system needed to be improved. There were 20 different recognised bodies. which made the system difficult to understand, and some "strange anomalies" such as the ability of firms to choose

their own regulator. Sir Andrew also found it strange that the law limited SIB's scope for publicising the names of people banned from operating in the City.

He also wanted changes in the legal framework under which some of SIB's investigative powers could only be used if one of the other regulatory bodies asked it to intervene.

# World Class

Today, on the occasion of the 1996 London Business School Summer Congregation, we acknowledge and congratulate the following degree students in completing the Full-time MBA Programme at London Business School. They come from 41 countries and will be working with the world's top employers. We wish them all the best.

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# Andersen's political double-act

Andersen Consulting is fielding two candidates in the next general election who, if successful, will face each other on opposite sides of the House. Patricia Hewitt and Mary Macleod have been selected as prospective candidates by the Labour Party and Conservative Party respectively. This might have embar-

rassed some employers, but not Andersen Consulting's UK managing partner James Hall: "Although they have different political views, they share with all of us at Andersen Consulting a real commitment to the future of Britain," he says diplomatically. Ms Hewitt made her name

as general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, a post she held for 10 years. This week she was selected to stand for Leicester West, already a Labour seat. Ms Macleod, on the other hand, will have to overturn Liberal Democrat Charles Kennedy's 6,000 majority in

Ross, Skye & Inverness. "There's all to play for," says Ms Macleod, who went to school in the constituency. So do the two candidates swap debating points over the

#### CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK



photocopier at work? Ms Macleod says: "I don't actually bump into her. The first time I met her was for the photo this week."

The latest joke doing the rounds in Moscow: There is

You could soon be sipping gourmet coffees from Burundi, Brazil, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea and Uganda thanks to a \$1m grant from the London-based International Coffee Organisation (1CO), ICO secretary Paul Dubois says people are already prepared to pay premium prices for recognised gournet coffees like Jameican Blue Mountain. These five countries could gain big overseas earnings if they can develop similar top brands.

This does not mean charging out and planting new crops, however. The secret is in identifying the best production techniques and areas to grow the beans, says Mr Dubois. For instance, a pound of unroasted Ecuador Arabica beans costs \$1.10 on international markets, while Blue Mountain would set you back \$15. Me, I'm off for a cuppa.

Agreeing to differ: Patricia Hewitt (left) and Mary Macleod

bury's AGM. A shareholder gets up and asks why no directors were nominated in the latest Queen's Honours list. After all, he says, you have Sir Alistair Grant at Safeways and Sir Ian MacLaurin at Tesco - why no knights on the Samsbury team?

in the past week."

no truth in the rumours that

Yeltsin is ill. He has had sev-

eral meetings with Brezhnev

A sticky moment at Sains-

The chairman, plain Mr David Sainsbury, rises to reply: There are already two former chairmen of Sainsbury in the House of Lords, and a third might look ostentatious. But I'm trying hard, and I'll report

back at future meetings."
Perhaps it was Mr Sainsbury's bankrolling of the SDP in the 1980s which keeps him

You've had inflatable Sumo wrestlers. Now prepare for Human Skittles, American Airlines is holding its annual event at the Broadgate Centre in the City, and this year 48 City teams will battle it out dressed up in giant polystyrene skittle suits. While victims pose as skittles, the other team swings a giant ball at them.

British Airways, whose plan to team up with American Airlines is being hotly debated, is also involved. Virgin's Richard Branson has not been invited to field a team, however. An American spokesman explains: "They're not based in the City." How will the great publicist

hit hack, I wonder? Human

clay pigeon shooting,

perhaps? Talking of Mr Branson, the Virgin boss has just awarded air stewardess "wings" to Lisa Leeson, wife of Nick, the Barings trader now doing time in Singapore. Mrs Leeson, 27, joined Virgin in the normal way and completed a

six-month training course. The job guarantees her cheap flights to visit her husband at the notorious Changi prison, where he is serving a six-and-a-half-year sentence. Nick Leeson is allowed two 20-minute visits each month. but his wife could not afford the £600 return air fares from her joh as a waitress in a Maidstone tearoom.

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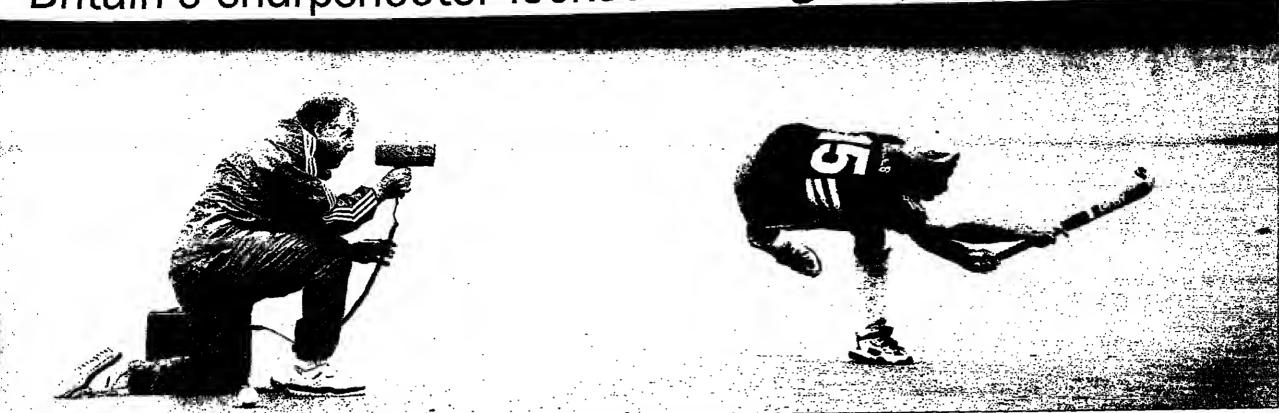
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# Britain's sharpshooter locked on target for Olympic spree



In a quest to improve the goal-scor-ing strike rate of the Great Britain men's hockey side. David Whittle, the manager, has been using a speed gun to clock Calum Giles' shooting from penalty corners during training this week at Bisham

Abbey, writes Bill Colwitt. The management of the Great

in their final international before attempt to convert penalty corners. departing for Atlanta on Sunday, borrowed the Unipar speed gun

from the Lawn Tennis Association. Giles is in the team specifically to convert penalty corners. Hc dashes from the team bench when a corner is awarded to do his deadly striking. Some coaches have doubted the validity of employing a person just to claiming it is ethically wrong. A Dutch coach went as far as saying it was a form of cheating.

David Whitaker, the former Eng-land and Great Britain coach, took the view that if the rules of the game allow it, and he could turn it to Britain's advantage, then he would do so. Giles met with immediate suc-

cess: his nine goals in his first major tournament - the European Cup in Dublin last summer - during England's seven games made him the first Englishman to win the Eu-

ropean Cup top goal-scorer trophy. Further success followed, notably in the Olympic qualifying competition in Barcelona earlier this year when he netted eight of still goals have been in short sup-

Britain's 17 goals. Since Barcelona things have not been going well for the 23-year-old from Havant, though. First a hernia operation. then a change of sticks, then hiccups in the corner drill involving pushouts and stick stopping, with the resuit that he has now failed to score in his last five internationals. Worse

ply from the rest of the team. In the initial practice sessions at Bisham. Russell Garcia, the surviving gold medallist from the Seoul Olympics, had the edge on Giles and was averaging in excess of 60 miles per hour. Undaunted, Giles has pressed on with his regular practising, and yesterday he achieved a 62.9mph

strike as he regularly flashed the hall

past the goalkeepers Simon Mason

and David Lucks. Whittle said there was pressure on Giles to justify his selection and keep face with his team-mates. If the help of the gun and competition from Garcia has turned the corner for Giles, Britain's Atlanta prospects will be significantly improved.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

# Attacking **England** risk failure

**DEREK PRINGLE** 

**Unicket Correspondent** 

Trent Bridge was awash with puddles vesterday, causing the England and Indian teams to cancel net practice in favour of shopping and work-outs in the hotel gym. With the pitch under covers, England's only move was to pack Ian Salisbury off to Arundel, where Sussex are playing Hampshire.

Apparently the state of the pitch does not warrant playing a second spinner in today's Third Test. This means that Min-Patel definitely plays and the only outstanding decision left for the selectors this morning will be to decide between Mark Ealham and Ronnie Irani.

We booked at the pitch and decided we didn't need two spinners," said the England captain. Mike Atherion, who had consoled Salisbury before sending him on his way. "I had a chat with lan. He knows he's our leg-spinner and that's important. Not many finger spinners win Test matches these days, and in the mid to long term we're going to be looking at him to be part of the scenery. and I hope he's gone away

happier knowing that. "All it's down to now is whether we go for a stronger fifth bowler or a stronger batter. But whatever 11 we choose, we will be looking to win the match. In my experience it's always dangerous to sit back and play for the draw.

Rain and cricket mix worse than oil and water, and yesterday's damp and abandoned Trent Bridge looked the last place an important Test match was about to be played. As ever, it is a disguise well worn, and a

THE INDEPENDENT

victory here is crucial to both teams; salvaging pride for India
while reinforcing claims that
England are at last becoming a consistent Test force.

However, as the latter is usually associated with continuity of selection. England are again flaunting convention by changing their side. Having been missed at Lord's. Patel is certain to play, and although Irani's batting played an important role in helping to save the game there, the balance of the side at Trent Bridge appears to have tilted towards the ball. As such, Ealham's superiority as a fourth scamer is likely to be favoured.

But, whichever team the selectors finally decide on, it will he the 26th Test in a row not to have fielded the same 11 as the previous Test. So far this summer most of us have applauded the selection panel, particularly some of its more imaginative choices. Yet, if we go back to the First Test, there is a clear lack of logic in playing Ealham.

At Edghaston, the line given was that if a spinner played, then trani (an all-rounder) would play and not the extra batsman (a) that stage John Crawley). In lact. Patel played and Irani hit a memorable camen to give the England innings some muchneeded momentum. However. for the Second Test at Lord's, the spinner was left out. But, instead of playing the extra batsman. Irani again batted at No 6 and was used sparingly as

the fifth seamer. Now, with Patel reselected, the original situation has returned once more, though this time it is Irani who is likely to sit things out. With England one up and India likely to play a sec-ond leg-spinner in Narendra Hirwani. it still seems curious



Mike Atherton fields questions about England's chances in today's Third Test against India

that England, despite their laudable claims of going for a win, should risk leaving themselves wide open by batting Russell - despite his century at No 6, particularly on a pitch, should the weather hold, that will probably begin to turn by

the fourth day.

The inclusion of Hirwani for the wayward Paras Mhamhrey is not the only change India are likely to make in trying to level the series, and the enhanced

performance in the last Test has clearly given Mohammed Azharuddin and his men a new boldness of heart. Thanks to Sourav Ganguly and Rabul Dravid adding new steel to what had been up until Lord's a one-man batting order. India can at last afford to attack. This inevitably means dropping a batsman in favour of playing another bowl-er and, in all likelihood, the strapping seamer Salil Ankola will join forces with Javagal Sri-

nath and Venkatesh Prasad, at er. Whatever England claim, a the expense of Ajay Jadeja.
At Lord's, England were per-

haps fortunate to escape with a draw but, if the plaudits for that went to the batsmen, England were rightly fined for keeping a slovenly over-rate during India's marathon first innings.

As Atherion pointed out yesterday, once the taxman has had his 40 per cent slice of the match fee and the ICC theirs there is not a lot left for the play-

draw will suit them here. Thankfully, last week's fine should ensure it is achieved without resorting to slow over-rates.

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Umpires: G Sharp (Eng. K T Francs (Sn Lan-ha), TV replay umpire: D J Constant.

University match

### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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Umpires: R Julian and P. J Lyons.

NO PLAY YESTERDAY: Tour match first day of free; 11.0 todays Headingley: Yorkshee v South Anna A.

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# Rough spell ahead for swinging Els

Golf

reports from County Wicklow

If you are not familiar with Druids Glen, the venue for the Murphy's Irish Open. it is because the course has yet to celebrate its first hirtbday. However, they like to say it has been hundreds of years in the making. The place owes its name to the high priests who worshipped in the thick forested countryside in the lifth

century. As a reminder of their presence here (the folklore has it that they were such a fearsome hunch they repelled St Patrick) a druid's altar remains near the picturesque 12th, a hole that draws more inspiration from the 12th at Augusta National than

from any pagan ritual.

Druids Glen has been built with about £14m of Nigerian money and the brief to the designers, Pat Ruddy and Tom Craddock, was to create the finest inland course in Ireland. There are those who think they have pulled it off... and those

Professional golfers do not refer to what the promoters describe as a "Garden of Eden within the Garden of Ireland" or to the intention to "march them through every emotional vista, from the pathetique associated with the ripples on the water of a lake which has just swallowed another ball to the ultimate appassionata springing from one's tee shot snuggling close to the pin."

No, they harp on about one thing: the rough.

Bernhard Langer, who finshed runner up in the French Open last week, said: "It is very long, very narrow, lots of rough. The rough is severe along the fairways and around the edges of the greens. There's lots of water and there are some trees sticking out into where you

want to shape your tee shot.
"At 18, I had as good a drive as possible and a three-iron and did not reach the green. When it is calm it is all right but when the wind blows it is going to be extremely difficult. If they play the back tees, two or three under par will win it. They will have to put some of the tees forward."

This is Ernie Els on the same subject: "The rough is tougher than in the US Open in that it is loose here and the ball does not come out the same. At the US Open you could work on a shnt and you could bounce the ball out. Here it is very loose and soft. You'll be lucky to get a good shot out of it."

Els, playing in his first tournament since finishing fifth in the US Open at Oakland Hills.

Detroit, has been working on his swing with Bob Torrance. "My game is not what it was a couple of weeks ago, " Els said. "My arms and body are not working together at the moment. It is not far off. Just lit-

Boh's son, Sam, thought the course was in excellent condition, but added: "They've tried to do what they did in the English Open and put grass around the greens. It doesn't suit the course. It is horrific to chip it out." Despite the fact that Torrance won the Irish Open at Mount Juliet 12 months ago, he would like to see the championship return to

Portmarnock. It was, in fact, scheduled for the great links course on the outskirts of Dublin but there was a cooling of relations between the club and sponsors. and the official verdict was that Portmarnock was not up to the required standard.

"I thought it was the best venue, a great test of golf and a great seaside course coming up to the Open," Torrance said. "But you have to think of the sponsors. Duhlin is not a great place for Murphy's. A lot of the other black stuff is sold there."

Enter Druids Glen with Pat Ruddy in full swing. "The first task," he said, "is to produce excellent and valid golf. This must he fitted into the landscape with sensitivity and delicacy. After that, golf is entertainment and we make every effort to excite the senses with glorious visions of a lovely landscape, offering all the possibilities for golfing elation or deflation. The tiger within every golfer will always respond."

Colin Montgomerie, who gives the impression be would like to play every week in ele-phant grass, is that tiger providing, of course, that teddy remains in the pram. "This is a great course," Monty said. "The rough is not too severe. There is no gift and there's nothing wrong with that. The more quality courses the tour plays the stronger the tour will become and this is one of the quality courses."

It is also one of the quality clubhouses, once owned, in 1827, by the Bishop of Clogher. The poor man suffered from a skin complaint and was advised to bath in red wine. His butler siphoned off the wine and flogged it to a pub in Kilcoole. The regulars did not complain. Evidently they thought it was

#### full of body... **Davies chases title**

The Swede Annika Sorenstam, the United States Open champion, defends her golf title in the strongest field of the season in the Hennessy Cup, which begins at Refrath, near Cologne, tomorrow.

twice won over the course. Britain's Laura Davies, who won the Evian Masters two weeks ago for her fourth victory of the year, will be chasing an elusive title. Davies, who has stolen a

march on her rivals by arriving Eight members of Europe's at the course in her new Ferrari 1994 Solheim Cup side are in came closest to winning three Germany, including two other years ago when she was beaten Swedes, Helen Alfredsson and in a sudden-death play-off by Lotta Neumann, who have



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#### NORMAN HARRIS

reports from Lord's

Oxford University 513-6 dec Cambridge University 164-3

A minor actor, Mark Wagh, played the shot of the day and made history in the 151st University match. A quick, twirling motion, the bat assuming the vertical like a flag stick held aloft, saw the ball disappear over the short leg-side boundary. That brought a fleeting image of old-time

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dashers like CB Fry, and that was appropriate, since the stroke took the total past the Varsity match's previous record of 503 made, also by Oxford, in 1900.

Cambridge sing the dark blues

Fry was not playing in that one, having made his Dark Blue appearances just a few years previously. The biggest contribution was the 17t - another record by R E Foster, assisted by, among others, BJT Bosanquet. The hig difference, though, is that 95 years ago Oxford were not invited to bat first, as they were here.

In that context Russell Cake, the Cambridge captain, also made history. An Oxford innings extended almost to lunch (the 1900 version lasted only 20 minutes into the second day) must have come close to embarrassing this cool, intelligent young man. But there would have been frustration, too. Will Kendall, 79 overnight, was again dropped. On the first day, mis hooking on 11. he was reprieved by two fielders calling for the catch and then colliding. On 89, he was again put down at midwicket.

There were no more chances as Kendall went to his hundred

and then picked up a further 45 easy runs before the declaration. He may have been overshadowed the previous day by Andrew Ridley's 155, but he had batted just as long - four hours and faced 50 fewer halls.

In gloomy, misty weather, Cambridge's reply began con-fidently. Captain Cake put himself in first, as if to atone for his sins. If anything he was playing with greater composure than anyone before him, and had just taken 17 from an over when he reached forward to Pierre Du Preez and edged to third slip.

Ed Smith and Anurag Singh also played freely against attacking fields. Cambridge's 164 by the end included 18 fours and four sixes, but they had also lost three wickets, including that of Singh - arguably the finest prospect on show here - as he went forward and was given low.

Cambridge's response to the record total in 1900 was to make 392, which also bettered the previous record. They will do well to make that many now, though still well within their compass should he the 1900 result - a draw.

#### Britannic Assurance County Championship First day of four; J.L.O today Sussex v Hampshire

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First day of three; 11.0 more Somerset v Pakistan

Somerset v Pakistan

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innings.

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Racing

SUE MONTGOMERY

Old sins have long shadows, and Valanour will blow away two sets and amateur jockey, succeeded if he wins the Eclipse Stakes on the late François Mathet 13 Saturday. Twenty years ago Brepan became the first Frenchtrained horse to pass the post first in Sandown's summer of the red-and-green silks, inshowpiece for 16 seasons, nnly to have the prize taken away a few weeks later on a doping Mouktar and Natroun.

since then has come closer than Triptych, who was second to Dancing Brave in 1986, but his form passes close scrutiny. Valanour, trained by Alain Roy-er-Dupré, must have a bright chance of aveoging his compatriot's loss. And as well as Ger- in April he quickened well to acald Mosse, the colt's elegant bay shoulders will also bear the burdeo of becoming the Aga Khan's first winner io Britain since his self-imposed exile after another doping cootretemps, the infamous Aliysa

At Royal Ascot, Ashkalani

came within a head of being that the ground came up very soft at winner, and giving Royer-Dupré, 52, his first victory in "However, prior to Britain into the bargain. The Chantilly-based horseman, foryears ago as the Aga Khan's trainer and has won most of France's big races with bearers cluding three Jockey-Club winners in four years, Darshaan,

None of the 10 Gallic raiders son of Lomond, has already annexed two 10-furlong Group One races, and when at his best In last year's Grand Prix de Paris he had a neck to spare over Singspiel and in the Prix Ganay count for Luso and Swain.

Royer-Dupré's main worry is that rain might put paid to the colt's bid for a third top-level victory. He said: "Valanour has tended to show his best form oo a souod surface, and he was forced to bypass the Prix d'Ispahan [won by Halling] wheo

"However, prior to that he had put up two impressive performances to take both the Prix d'Harcourt in April followed by the Prix Ganay, and, in my opinion, he is a better horse than last season." Royer-Dupré added: "There

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Spave Star (Haydock 7.20) NB; Temptress

(Haydock 7.50)

is no doubt that the Eclipse will be a very hot event - with the likes of Halling, Pentire, Singspiel, Bijou D'Inde aod Definite Article, it couldn't be anything else could it? - and there is no doubting that it will take an excellent horse to win it. But having said that,

Valanour is very well."

The turf at Sandown is currently good to firm, and being watered both artificially and naturally. Any further easing, though bad news for Royer-

Dupré's hopes, will suit Dermot since the summer entry stage Weld, who will decide tomorrow morning whether or not to send been named for the seasoo's fiover Definite Article from Ire-

The Tattersalls Gold Cup winner has been one of the gambles of the race - backed from 16-1 to 6-1 - but Weld said yesterday: "I want to see what the ground is likely to be - he might need a little more give than there is at Sandown. I've got until Friday to decide and I might as well wait until then."

One definite non-runner is Godolphin's Charmwood Forest. The Queeo Anne Stakes winner will wait for the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, leaving his stablemate Halling, last year's Eclipse winner, to do duty in the blue colours no Saturday. Pentire has hardened to 2-1 favourite with the £250,000 race's sponsors Corals, who then go 3-1 Halliog, 5-1 Valanour, 11-2 Singspiel, 6-1 Definite Article, 7-1 Bijou d'Inde, 20-1 Ela-Aristokrati

and 25-1 Beauchamp King. Looking further ahead, 54 horses - the smallest number

was introduced in 1994 - have nal Classic, the St Leger at Doncaster on 14 September.

The two most notable omissions are Even Top aod, sadiy, Derby hero Shaamit. The oldest and longest of the five Classics was never on the agenda of the latter, whose trainer has expressed the view that victory would have done nothing for his charge's future stud prospects.

Even Top, who gashed a leg when finishing a disappointing 13th at Epsom, is perhaps a more surprising absentee. But his trainer Mark Tompkins regards the colt, beaten a shorthead in the Guineas, as a genuine middle-distance operator, and is eyeing the 10-furlong trip of the Juddmoote International at York oext Nine Derby runners are en-

tered, ranging from runner-up Dusbyantor to 17th-placed St Mawes, and among the seven fillies are three of the first four in the Oaks, Lady Carla, Pricket and Camporese.



Gerald Mosse steering Valanour to an April win at Longchamp Photograph: Sporting Life

#### Swan's luck on wane as plan stalls

Yorkshire trainer Martyn Wane's bid to win three races in three days with Swan At Whalley came unstuck at Catterick yesterday when the horse re-

Troop Handicap.

ley, successful at Musselburgh claimed Wane.

fused to eoter the stalls and was 24 hours earlier, will not now be withdrawn from the Dragon sble to run at Ayr this evening roop Handicap. because he first has to pass a stalls test. "I just can't win," ex-

#### YARMOUTH

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DEAW ADVANTAGES None.

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SENATE SWINGS was stoying on inside the first furiong when third to Tiniser's Surprise at Goodwood to suggest that an extra furiong would sult. The Goodwood form is working out well, with Turner-up Formy reving won twice at Mussesburgh since, and Servate Swings, at 12,000gma Times-ines Times colk out of the sprinter Heaven-Liegh-Cray, should be good shough in this company. Carlier And Castry, who holds Victory At Hert on course and distance running behind Servate Swings at Goodwood and there is no research why he should been him boday. Sheetspartesta drops into a seller after finishing eighth of ten behind Eye Shedow at, Notingham (5f) on her debut. A drifter in the betting, site was very green and will probably need more than an eare furiong before we see the best of her. Grovedelly Bladdee was curcleased in Whorling Hours Selectury motion on her debut, while Restate proved no Musich for Docklands Carlings at Thirst but can improve.

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1995: Solar Piget 3 8 8 R Him 6-1 (8 W Him) 9 and
Richard Hills was down to Iride both Manual and National State at the overnight stage and
is on Manual for Ratiert Americang. The Ehrstentul colt, helf-bother to Marcot, winner of
the Queen Eizzbeth II States for the state, can probably be forgiven his poor run behind
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Stoom Trooper in the Felicion States over risk states, can probably be forgiven his poor run behind
in September, But Manualish locks best. The five-year-old did really well to be a short-head
accound to the Improving Target on his Newsysteet return and bounded back to that sort of
form with an expellent run in burnishing pint, firstling eighth of 29 to Erroring Market (States
Eigensweler, 1901) subjourt being glong a begulange, Speen harding is his true. Breakens Abby,
with beint My Talkard in head the I Island rook at Newmarket last month, uptil truet
and Correction in princing Hilling and my further man could help her channel. April The Eighth is a
doubtful stayer, while Countain Scoon is difficult to secent state and I-weather ware in the Christian Fight 16th of 19). Cheeky Chappy is again Beek to cut out the number which wither and Brighelous has given to encouragement in two runs this year but might be suitwhiter and Brighelous has given to encouragement in two runs this year but might be suitwhiter and Brighelous has given to encouragement in two runs this year but might be suitmay set things up for Faraway Lass.

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3.30 RADIO NORFOLK HANDICAP (CLASS.D) £5,100 edded

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#EXTINGS: 5-2 Hippy, 13-4 Zahla Zirok, 7-2 Faushin Shythus, 6-1 Publy Edward, 8-1 Fresh Freik bally, 10-1 College Night, 20-1 Rephyllin
1995: Cutpursa Molt 3 9 0 D Harrson 5-4 U R Parishhad) 4 cm.

POINTS GLIDE.

The weather is going to have a big impact on this race. Although showers had tallen yester. day aftermoon, the ground was still considered that and, provided that remains the case, HEPPY will take a lot of beating. Cive firstain's fely aprong a 20-1 surprise in a mile conditions race here last week when beating Aethra and a host of other higher-steed marks two and a helf lengths. The tirm ground suited her ready well and site can dely a 5th penalty. Not surprisingly, the hendicepper has taken a dirm view of Hippy's improvement, taking her 15th from Securday. Zeide Zoek had Hippy five and a half lengths behind in third when winning at Kempton lest month but is 11th higher now, meeting her 6th wome. She min well under a penalty to be fourth to Almuhimin at Newcastle on Saturday but has more to do now and Russba Rhythas, seventh at Newcassie on Security to August the new and Russba Rhythas, seventh at Newcassie on the reapparance, might wall owntum placings. If the rain does come, Pastry Grismas, a winner on the good to soft at Chepstow last month, would have a leading chance. Fresh Fresh Rusk Daily should have benefited from her Goodwood fifth to iberian Dancer, while a first-time visor might bring about a return to form for College Right.

Selection: HPPY

4.00 CATFIELD CLAMENG STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m Penelty Value £2,571 044221 FIRE DUS PLUSTE (LOS, DI) (The San Pureus Clas) W Mur 594\_ COSS-O4 ACTION MOUSEN DO R G LANT B Molant 4 9 2. 214-033 BLOCKADE BISN (6) (CO) IA M Warender) M Bell 7 8 0. 

SETTING: 8-4 Mockado, 2-2 Star And Earler, 3-2 Perfens Plight, 14-1 Cover Moon, 18-2 Action

1995: Blockwith 8 9 4 L Detton 5-6 (At Balt) 5 mm

PORMA GRIMPE

BROCKLADE is a specialist in this type of most and won the corresponding event liest year. He has not been at his heat so far this season, but his thirds to Scottish Park at Lelosater and to Monument at Sulfatury have been encouraging and be should be able to dominate this field. Star And Garter is the danger and, with her good packgree, it is no surprise that she has been entered on the maximum theming price. She had useful placed form in make-ers at two and, although only initir of 1.2 behind Amustavak on her Kenpton responsa-tion at 9 handlesp, must be feered in this grade. Particus Fright levided the odds in a OF MONVASSIB was should be spot on letter two runs this sesson.

4.30 HAPPISBURGH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 101yds Penalty Value £3,960

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QUASIDA may not need to improve on her half-length second to Private Song at Both to win this. Cline British're Lychis filly strick certainly did not stay in the Queen's Visee last time fishe Gid not get much of a run either) and this looks a good opportunity. Lear Express will be well suited by this longer rip, having been fourth to Lakabre Legand at Newmerket on this debut, finishing a place in front of better fancied attolerants Vings Academy. Serenses, third to Male-Ana-Mou at Goodwood, and St Adelle, who filled the same position behind Set. Adelle at Lingsleit, will also appreciate the extra distance, while Aetonia Bits is a well-bred construction.

5.00 HICKLING LADY RIDERS' HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 2f 21yds Penalty Value £2,364 

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BETTENC: 3-3. Princely Affair, 7-2. Squarted Aurys, 4-1. Romain Real, 5-1. Bolton Goto Boy, 8-1. Dun't.

Drop Bourles, 12-1. Aylor, 24-1. Hover Golf Disputed, 16-1. Others

1996: Depth 4 1D 13 Mas M Condrey 7-4 (Inter Heriot) 6 ran

PROJECTELY AFFRAIR is just a pound higher than when bearing Committee a length and a quarthere over course and determore less month and appeals following a decent second to Melternison at Lingfield on Saturday. Microel Berts gelding will be well notion by America Ponett. The shorter trip and application of bilinkers were given as the reason for Squared Away striking form at Redoar (I.m.) less time, beating Mets Baby tell a length for today's inter. The handlespee has been lenient in reising him just a pound and there must be every chance he can stay ben furiongs. Don't brop Boards, short-headed by Montons at Follostone on Friday, can again go well from the front off the same mark, white topweight Roman Read.

Ladder well backed

# CATTERICK

HYPERION 2.15 Abstone Again 2.45 Great Oration 3.15 Perfect Gift 3.45 Oriel lad 4.45 its Academic 4.45 Camionneur

STALLS: 61 outside; ress - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-band course, undulating and sharp. Not anisable for the long-

GOING: Good to soft (Good in places)

stricting horse.

If Course is north-west of town on AS136. Derlington section 14m:
has service to course. ADMISSION: Club 211; Touchalle 27;
Course 22.50 (under 16s free into all enclosures). GAR PARK: lembers 52, remainder Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Water's Wally (2.15), Bargush (visured, WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG DESTANCE EDINNERS: Gorg Galva (3.15) sent 236 sides from 8 Hiller's Lambourn stable in Betteinite; Young Productick (3.46), Provad Inage (4.15) & Play The Time (4.45) sent 250 utiles from K Brube's Gings stable in Oxfordshire; Perfect Gift (3.15) sent 258 miles from Polics by Whitecombe stable in Oxfordshire; Scienced Spicit (3.45) C Wall; Yound Lodge (4.16) It Collinguistics Parrier's Bill (3.16) in Tompkine; Atlantan (3.16) 3 Williams sent 201 miles from Newmarket in Suffolk.

215 TREATY OF PARIS SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 270 5f 540 AMERICAN AMERICA STATE OF THE STATE OF T 6 4 TRAINS TOUCH (1) M Electy 6 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ C Trangles (3) 5 \_\_\_\_ B declared -ENTINGE 4-5 Abstrace Again, 9-2 Where's Wally, 6-1 Transles, 8-1 | Cart Researcher, 39-1 Captain Flat, 20-1 Transly Touch

2.45 TURIMERIC HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 71 177yds

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handlesp weights' Kameum 7st 8th, Don't Cry 7st 10. BETTRIE 7-4 Great Oralica, 2-4 Combroat 65d, 5-1 Hasta La Vinta, 6-1 Little Redning, 10-1 John, 14-1 Kauhena, 19-1 Yashura, 20-1 others

3.15 RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 1/10 ST 175yds

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3.45 AMERICAN REVOLUTION HANDICAP 

— 20 commun — METTWIR 7-2 Oriel Ltd, 4-1 Niyetel Max, 9-2 Miseand Spirit, 6-1 Meis Baby, 8-1 Comic Funday, Ned's Contenso, Silver Welcome, 10-2 others

4.15 BATTLE OF BLAKER HALL LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 77

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4.45 BOSTON TEA PARTY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 8F

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7.50 SCANIA 1996 FILLES HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 200yds

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8.20 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 6f

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1-4 HAUNL GAZER (72) 0 Loder 3 9 5

# Danzig attracted support for to-morrow's Royal Hong Kong 8-1 Sheer Danzig, 10-1 Skilling-Jockey Club Handicap at ton, Chief Burundi, Winter Ro-

Salmon Ladder and Sheer Sandown with Ladbrokes yes-

terday.
The former, trained by Paul
Cole, has been backed from 6-1 to 5-1 and the latter, handled by Robert Armstrong, was cut from 10's to 8-1. But William Hill still hold the two at 6-1 and 10-1 respectively.

Latest betting - Ladbrokes: mance, 12-1 Special Dawn, 14-1 Major Change, Pleasant Surprise, Silver Groom, Wilcuma, 16-1 bar. Special bet: 7-2 Missile (with 8 run) (from 4-1) William Hill: 4-1 Yeast, 6-1

Salmon Ladder, 10-1 Chief Burundi, Sheer Danzig, Skillington, Winter Romance, 14-1 bar.

#### RACING RESULTS

CATTERICK

2.20: 1. BLUE BOMBER () Forume) 2-1 fev; 2. Sense of Priority 4-1; 3. Best Kept Secret 7-1. 9 mm. 21/2, 21/2. († Berron, Thisk). Total: £3.40; £1.90, £1.80, £1.20. Dual Forecast: £5.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £9.81.Tric: £11.30. There was no bid for the

2.50: 1. BOLLIN DOROTHY M. Birch 11. 8; 2. Crez Septin 25-1; 3. Divine 10-11 by. 8 mm. 2, 2. († Easteby, Nesturn). Totas: 22,90; £1.40,£5.20,£1.00. Duel Forecast.£32,80, CSP: £29,93,Trics: £15,90. Non Runner: No

Problem Jac.
3.20: 1. PHAREY DANGER (I. Newton) 52: 2. Mithraic 8-1; 3. Nosey Notice 6-1;
11. ran. 2-1 fav Cross Telk. 5, hd. (W Halgh, Mellori), Tobe: £3.50; £1.90, £2.20, £2.40, Dust Forenast £16.80, CSF: £23.98. Tric:

3,50: 1. NINETY-FIVE (K Fallon) 9-4; 2. Chies Hand 8-1: 3. Double Glow 25-1. 5 nm. 6, 24s. U FitsGerett, Meton). Total: £1.90; £1.10, £2.10. Duel Forecest: £3.00, £8: ERS NRT Swan At Whatley, Swan At Whatley (2-20) was withdrawn while not under ordes, Rute 4 applied to all bets, deduction 30p.

in the pound.
4.20: 1. GRATE TIMES (K Fallon) 8-1: 2. Mystic Circle 5-2 /t fiv; 3. Fency A Fertune 14-1. 3D ran. 5-2 /t fiv Falls O'Moness. 2,44 (E Waymes, Leyburn). Toba: £5-20; £1-30, 12.00, £2.80. Dual Forecest: £8.00. CSF: £31.08. Two: £197.70 (pert won, pool of £222.61 carried forward to Camerick 4.45 to-

2. Character Heart Proc (1 Veges) 4-1; 2. Character De Wartor 11-1; 2. Phenton Haze 9-2. 10 pm. 5-2 fav Atoric (8th). 6, 2/a. (M Johnston, Middeham). Tota: £4.70; 52.60, 52.90, 52.00. Dual Forecast: 531.90, CSP: £47.65. Tricest: £199.10. Tric: £28.30, Incligat: £1,394.80.

Placepot: £23.30. Quadpot: £10.60. Place 8: £42.08. Place 6: £26.93.

FOI KESTONE 2.30: 1. HEN HARRIER († Spreie) 7-2; 2. Song Hist 4-1; 3. Depville 3-1 fev. 11 ran. sit.hd, 7. († Dunlop, Arundel). Tohie: 53.80; £1.20, £1.90, £1.80. Dual Forecast:

£8.40. CSF: £17.27. Tro: £3.50. \$.00; 1. STAR OF GOLD (Paul Eddery) 6 1; 2. Sepptire Sen 7-1; 3. Rubbhati 8-1. 11 ran. 100-30 for Mr Cube (5th). 3-4, 1. (C Egenton, Chaddleworth), Total £11.00: £3.10, £1.90, £2.20. Qual Forecast: £15.50. CSF: E45.05. Theast: £316.84. The: £49.60. 3.30: 1. LETRIM LODGE IS Drown) 15-8 tax. 2. Whothern 2-1; 3. Engage's Risk 10-1. 6 res. 5, 1%. (N Cakaghan, Newmorket). tec £2.60; £3.00, £1.10. Dual Forecast

£3.10, CSF: £6.22 4.00: 1, HAL HOO YAROOM (I Sprie) 9-4; 2. influence Pedier 4-5 fbr; 3. Mighty Phantom 9-2. 5 ren. 4, 12. july or W Horn. Lambourn). Total: £3.10; £1.10, £1.10, £5.10.0F: £1.90, CSF: £4.38.

4.20: 1. Nankisaki (I Spoks) 6-1; 2. 52-cred Micror 4-1; 3. Seven Crowns 11-1. 9 ria. 3-2 fev Demerita. 3, 3, U Duntop, Arun-dell, Tota: £820; £330. £120, £3,30. Dual Forecest: £1£.80. CSF: £28.94. Treasc: £284.43. Tric: £35.20.

5.00: 1. PISTOL (Peul Eddery) 4-1; 2. South Eastern Fred 14-1; 3. Sincial: Lad 14-1, 15 rap. 100-30 fev Chieftein's Cown . nk, 144. (C Horgan, Wokingham). Total: E5.70: E3.10. E3.50. E4.90. Dual Forecast: £29.30. CSF: £62.97. Tricast: £709.00. Trics £209.80. Planennt: F78 30. Dundout: F15 40.

MARKET RASEN

2.10; 1. RED JAM JAR (6 Cohl) 11-1; 2. North Burnister 11-4 (sv; 3. Tremble 9-1. 10 rm. 27, 9. (8 Bel), Tota: £11.30; £2.20, £1.40, £2.50, Dual Forecast: £11.60, Computer Straight, Forecast: £41.94. Yifcast: £274,53. Tric: £135.10. 2.40: 1. MANOR INTENDE (B POWER) 9-1: 2. Deringty 2-1 for 3. Bucksneer Bay 14-1. 10 ran, 34, 27. U McConnochie, ). Totac £10.20: £1.80, £1.40, £2.40. Dust Forecast.

12.50. CST 128.05. INCSS 1242.35. INC 187.00.
3.10: 1. MORDIC SUN (M Dwyer) 11-2; 2. Charinal Partime 7-2 far; 3. Bitacrack 8-1. 8 ran. 7, 4s. (1. Loyd-ternes). Totac £7.60; £3.10, £1.80, £1.40. Dasi Forecast £13.80. Computer Straight Forecast £23.78. Totas: £13.9.74.

£12.50. CSF: £28.06. Tricast: £242.39. Trica

San C. L. Emphasis to Unimodo y 5-2 n San, 2. San God 6-1; 3. Elly Fleetfoot 20-1. 15 ran. 5-2 n En Picierie. 144, 6. U White). Tota: £4.70; £1.80, £1.40, £5.90. Dual Forte-cast: £10.50. Computer Straight Forteast: £20.03. Tota Trio: £88.20. Non Runner.

Lancer,
4.10: 1. Febosse: BAY (P Nect) 13-6 far;
2. The Youster 9-2: 3. Noblely 5-1. 7 rea.
hd, 10. (Mrs M Reveley), Total 52-70; £1.60,
£2.00. Dual Forecast: £4.30. Computer

Straight Forecast: E8-52.
4.40: 1. RIVER ROOM (J Ostorne) 7-2;
2. Clean Edge 9-1: 3. Political Panto 2-1
fav. 9 ran. 5, 9. (K Baley). Tota: £4.90;
22.50, £4.20, £1.40. Dual Forecast: £15.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £34.42.Tho: £30.90, After a stewards' inquiry, the result

Piece 6: £38.22. Piece 5: £14.82.

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# 6.35 Brave Montgomerie 7.05 Shontaine 7.35 Desert Froilc 8.05 Society Girl 8.35 Tameem 9.05 Silk Cottage GOENG: Good. STALLS: Straight course - scands' side; round course - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Eleft-hand galloping course. Excecourse is east of town on the A768. Ayr rail station (screece from Glasspow) are rolle sway. ADMISSION: Club 512; Grandstand 57 (OAPs helf-pides). CAR FARK: Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Silent Guest (8.05), Northek Legend BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Silent Guest (8.05), Northak Legend & River Garanek (9.05), Veshon Lady (visoned, 8.05). WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Craigasirs (7.05) & Desert Fredle (7.55) both won at Carline on Tamestry, Swam At Whalley (Ayr 9.05) won at Musselburgh on Theoday. Whalley (Ayr 9.05) won at Musselburgh on Theoday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNESS Musleer (8.35) has been sent 406 miles by Miss Gay Kelleway from Whitcombe, Donset.

6.35 D) ES,000 added 270 75 GRAVE ACT Sir Mark Prostott 9 0 \_\_\_\_ & Duffred 6
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0 HONE RODRIG ENTRESS (SR) J Bury 8 9 \_\_\_\_ P Roberts (5) 1:
- 6 declared -30204

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Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handison weight: Elipsoile 7st 8th, Rocky Street Name and American States (No. 1988). The Party States of SCAMA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR 7.35 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE TEAK HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 1m.

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va. who knows a thing or two about Wimbledgo titles, summed up what it will take to win the women's singles. "You have to hope you are at the very top of your game," she said, "and that Steffi Graf is average."

Some hope. It has happened twice at the All England Club since the German turned 19 and if you are looking for similarities in her aberrations there is one: both of her defeats were

against hlack Americans. Unfortunately for Kimiko Date, who attempts to halt the most irresistible force in grass court tennis today in the semifinals, she fails to meet the criteria on two counts. Further

McNeil were serve and volleyers while the 25-year-old Japan-ese is barely big enough to see over the net. She sticks to the baseline like the paint.

Date, a semi-finalist at the Australian Open two years ago, claims to be 5ft 4in, although she appears smaller. Her game is like that of a pet dog; she will fetch all day in the hope her opponent will get dispirited.
"I'm shorter than the other

players," the 12th seed said. and I'm lacking in power. My strategy is to put pressure on my opponents with my returning game." In other words, she waits until the woman on the other side of the net makes a women's singles semi-finals

one else to provide Date with her diet of errors but, notwithstanding a head-to-head record of 6-1 in the six-time champion's favour, the omens are not entirely unfavourable for an upset. Their last meeting, for example, went in the underdog's favour, 7-6, 3-6, 12-10, in the Federation Cup earlier this

"She stays really low," Graf said of ber semi-final opponent. "She keeps the ball low and she likes it if somebody plays fast and she can use the power of the opponent." And a weakness? "Her

Graf is less likely than any- first serve maybe is not as strong (King) io 1963.

as it needs to be on grass." Mary Pierce, who lost to Date in the quarter-finals, concurs. "Kimiko just plays," she said damning with faint praise. "She's difficult hecause she brings a lot of balls back and doesn't make any mistakes. But she doesn't do anything special." Safe to say, it will be some surprise if Graf loses today.

Nothing special could have summed up Meredith Me-Grath's career prior to this year, to an extent that she failed to make it to the Women's Tennis Association media hand-

would be the first unseeded player to reach the women's final since Billie Jean Moffit

McGrath, whose win at Edgbaston Priory last month testifies to her prowess on grass, would confound the norm in more ways than one if she beats the fourth seed, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, today. An American who prefers to live in Europe - Switzerland - she does not have the usual almost parent-child relationship with a coach - for most of the time she

does not have a coach all. The 25-year-old from Michi-Waher, earlier this year but at

for practice partners. Five have filled in so far, including Jana Novotna. As she puts it, if someone had told her at the start of the tournament she would last longer than Novotna, "I would have laughed".

No one is laughing now, least of all Sanchez Vicario, who had a less comfortable time disposing of McGrath 6-3, 6-4 in the quarter-finals at Amelia Island this year than the scoreline suggests. "It was a pretty close match," McGrath recalled. "I felt I had a lot of chances in that match and couldn't take advantage of them. I feel good gogan consulted a coach. Urs ing into playing Arantra. I don't Walter, earlier this year but at know winy, but I feel good."

# low attendance

All England Clay stem and worked by the decline in paying guests.
Attendances in the first

week of the championships were twer 9,000 down on 1995, although Wimbledon the base to compete with have dropped again this week and if the trend continues the owest for six years.

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# McGrath the high climber

Meredith McGrath should find it easy clambouring over Aran-, to Sanchez Vicario and info the final of the ladies singles after recently scaling Africa's high-est peak, Mount Kilimaniaro -

all 19.340 feet of it. McGrath, from Michigan, who will become the fifth unseeded woman to reach the ladies final if she beats the Spaniard also lists her hobbies

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Spaniard, also lists her hobbies Olga Lugina, then Jana Novot-as sking and mountain biking. na, Marianne Werdel Winney. er, Ai Sogiyama and Lastly jaro was a wild experience," she Judith Weisner before her quarsaid. "We reached the summit ter final victory over Katrina

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# Sing-a-long Cliff steps out of the shadows



day" to a rain-drenched Centre Court vesterday afternoon. Sir Cliff, in the Royal Box to watch Tim Henman's quarter-final match with the No 13 seed, Todd Martin, treated dispirited spectators - who bad seen only 20 minutes of Pete Sampras's match against Richard Krajicek before showers stopped play -

to an impromptu concert.

The difference between winning

and losing was never more amply illustrated than by a forlorn

figure walking along the Wim-

bledon concourse yesterday.

" While Tim Henman was

mobbed on his way to the prac-

tice court in preparation for his

quarter-final against Todd Mar-

tin, one of the Britons be beat

on his run to the last eight, Luke

Milligan, is still suffering with a somewhat lower profile.

third round to Henman, walked

around the All-England Club

grounds unrecognised by the Wimbledon public.

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Milligan, who lost in the

No hand for Luke

The 56-year-old singer de-lighted the Wimbledon crowd from its torpor since the 21-Sir Cliff Richard. Court tickets - by opening with the last eight of the All-England the veteran pop The Shadows' hit from the Championships. eponymous 1963 film, explaining "it might help brighten the

weather". He went on to sing a cappella versions of "The Young Ones" and "Bachelor Boy", and was backed up by five former Wimbledon champions - Martina Navratilova, Virginia Wade, Conchita Martinez, Pam Shriver and Gigi Fernandez. "Tve just formed a new group: Cliff and the Supremes," he grinned.

Cliff continued with Elvis Presley's "All Shook Up", appropriate in the circumstances:

He had no reason to be unhappy with his performance at

the tournament, although those

same spectators who ignored

him might well have been dis-

appointed to find that at the end

of a day of constant rain breaks,

Even the small amount of

play possible was enough to rule

out compensation for tickets, which cost £42 for Centre Court.

Holders of Centre, No 1 Court

and Court Two tickets are only

entitled to compensation if no

play is possible. Ticket holders

are then given priority for a

Championships.

similar seat at next year's

Wimbledon's rules were not

always that accommodating. In

previous years, fans were not el-

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Some might think that a fault

in the service, something the

Kimiko Date knows a lot about. The women's singles quarter-fi-

oalist is the queen of the dou-

ble fault in the tournament.

Date, who plays Steffi Graf in

today's semi-final, has served 23

double faults, more than double

that of her German opposent.

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other players and also I'm lack-

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to use my returning game to win

the point," the Japanese 12th seed said. "My service is getting

better and better so against

Graf I'll try to play my return-

ing game to put the pressure on

John McEnroe, back at Wimbledon as a television commen-

tator these days, admitted that

the sight of so many seeds tum-

bling out of the men's singles has

"I know my service is not in

vas completely wiped out.

there was to be no refund.

who had paid £42 for Centre year-old Henman progressed to "I have to say this is the most

unusual experience of my career - I never thought I would play the Ceotre Court." Cliff said. He finished off with "Livin"

Doll" and "Congratulations". which prompted an outbreak of dancing in the crowd and watching celebrities, such as Joanna Lumley of Absolutely Fabulous fame, to join in the merriment

The concert, the first ever on the Centre Court, lasted 30 minutes before the rain relented and play resumed.



# SPORTING DIGEST No play yesterday; match absorband as a draw. Southeater Warworkshine 213: Motificial 320 for 9 fit P Dutch 71, D C Nash 51; D A After 4-90; Match absorband as a draw. Fincharapates 15 and 65 for 2. Natch absorband as a draw. Collegipter Northeater 250 for 7 dec. Harnatha 155 for Northeater Northeater 250 for 4 dec. No play yesterday ration asserting 250 for 4 dec. No play yesterday ration asserting as a draw. Caratiff Dutham 355 for 5 dec and 154 for 2 dec (I Longle Str. M. Millens 577; Garrongan 309 for 7 dec and 155 for 7 URA Williams 50. W L. Law Stone, N. Wildem 3-27). Match drawn. Cogglestralt. Essen 301 for 2 dec and 180 for 5 dec (A I E Habrart 93 no. D D J Roberson 53; E J Starrond 4-40); Nara 250 for 9 dec and 2 for 0. Martch strewn.

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Basketball

Cleave Lewis, who helped Worthing Bears to three successive play-off titles, is returning to the Budweiser League club as their new player-coach. The American point-guard replaces Cofin Irish, who has joined the French First Division club Cholet after just one year in charge.

Scottand and Ireland dominated yes-terday's British Championships finals in Northern Ireland, with the Scots taking three of the five titles on offer and Ire-

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Resting
Telford's Richie Woodhell has called off his quest to win the World Boring Council middleweight tibe in Las Vegas leter this month. Woodhall had been due to meet the defending champion, Keith Holmes, on 13 July, but the Midlander has now postponed the fight because of a dispute with the American promoter Don King, King had wanted Woodhall to sign a contract that would have given him options on the former European champion's next four fights if he had beatan Holmes but Woodhall was unwilling to do that, saying: "As I am the No 1 challenges, he has no right to make this demand."

TODAY'S FIXTURES Speedway PREMIER LEASURE London v Balle Vue (7.30); Methesbrough v Oxford (7.30); Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.45).

Great Batton yesteday best New Zeeland 11-6 at Cheltenham to win the cover-ed MecRobertson Shield, the premier world team event. In the other test match Australia best the United States

Miliwaii have signed three Raith Rovers players, Davie Sincleir, Stevie Crawford

and Jason Dair, for a combined fee of £1.2m; and have also signed Hamilton's Paul Hartley for £400,000.

Paul Hartley for 1-400,000.
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Rugby Union

England wing Jon Steightholme, ty-hati Richard Buthand, prop Keurp Yates and lock Martin Haag have all signed con-tracts to stay at the Courage League and Pilkington Cup champions, Bath, next season. Mickey Thomas, the former Weish In-ternational who has been unemployed since being released from prison where he served a jail sentence for handling forged bank notes almost two years ago, es been awarded a testimonial game

next season.

Rob Antirew's Newcastle Gosforth have signed the former Stritting Courny and Scotland B international forward, George Graham, on a three-year contract. For the last five years Graham has been playing rugby league with Cartiste Raiders.

Henrite is Roux, the Transveel centre, has been ruled out of the South African tour to Australia and New Zeeland because of whiplash injuries sustained in Tuesday's 43-18 defeat of Fiji in Pretoria. Le Roux's place in the squad of 26 will go to the Free State centre, Brendon Ventex, who was a member of South Africa's perchanas sound at lest years Africa's victorious squad at lest year's World Cup. Fulback Andre Joubert, who suffered a hamstring injury in the match against Fiji, has been given a cean bill of health, while wing Pieter Hendriks has recovered from a bout of gastic "flu and will also fly with the team today."

THIRD STUDENT RUGBY WORLD CUP (Pre-torie) Pool A: France 44 Japan 9, Pool R: Argentina 38 Wales 8.

Jackie MacGillivary's Sussex Challenge for the 1997/8 Whitbread Race was still turble to announce any substantial funding as the actress Penelope Keith braved wind and rain at Eastbourne yesterday to learnch their yacht, the 1993 Dolphin & Youth. Also hoping to bring his own British boat to the start line is boal Streethistics. his own brush book to the start line is Paul Standbridge, one of the mainstays in Lawrie Smith's Intrum Justitua crew last time, a veteran of three previous Whitbreads, Britain's 1987 America's Cup challenge and crewman on the first attempt by the Sirs Peter Blake and Robin Knox-lohnston in Enza to set the mount the world record. round the world record.

James is hoping to strike it lucky

#### EVENING RACING RESULTS Former postman Lee Lloyd-

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as a trainer after Nordic Sun delivered his second winner over jumps at Market Rasen yesterday. Weymouth-born Lloyd-James, who began his career with David Elsworth and theo travelled north as assistant to Chris Bell, became so disillusioned with racing that he took a job with the Royal Mail, But he was persuaded to take out a trainer's licence three years ago and the winners are now starting to arrive. "A couple of owners came to me and suggested I took my own licence out," explained Lloyd-James, who trains at Colin Tinkler's old yard in Malton. "For six months, I tried to combine the two jobs. I did anything and everything at the post office, including delivering letters. But now I'm concentrating purely on the racing." Lloyd-James has two jumpers and 11 Flat borses, including Plum First, beaten a short-head by Car-

QUOTE OF THE DAY

RADULESCU

"I've just formed a new group - Cliff and the Supremes Cliff Richard refering to his backing group of past and present players



Richard on Centre Court yesterday. 17 - the unseeded women who have appeared in Wim-

bledon semi-finals. 5 - the British men who have reached the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam

tournament in the open era. TODAY'S WEATHER

Heavy showers

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aroused his competitive instincts, even at the age of 37. Visions of a comeback, though, were forgotten after a stroll around the outside courts. "There's probably junior players out there who could beat me oow," he said.

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at Beverley last March.

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# Black breaks the **British record**

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM reports from Lausanne

Michael Johnson duly won the 400 metres here last night in a time of 43.66 seconds. It was 0.37sec off the world record, but dragged Roger Black, in second. place, through to a British record of 44.37sec. That was 0.02 faster than Black's winning

time at the Olympic trials.

But for the celebratory raising of his arms, Frankie Fredericks might have earned

himself the 100m world record. The Namibian, who had already run 9.87sec going into a race that was - at least in terms of dramatis personae - an effective rehearsal for the Olympic final, finished in 9.86, just 0.01 sec off the record Leroy Burrell set on the same track

two years ago. In his wake, Fredericks left a field which included the world champion, Donovan Bailey, and his sometime training partner Linford Christie, who was fifth in 10.04sec. Having finally decided to defend his ly decided to ucrease will Olympic 100m title, Christie will be in no doubt now about the magnitude of that task.

His immediate reaction last night was to smile ruefully and offer applause to his friend, who was already cavorting towards the crowd firing imaginary pistois in the jubilant style of. well, Christie.

"These are the best people I have raced against in all my life, and to beat them was fantastic," Fredericks said.

In training, Christie has always been told by his coach, Ron Roddan, to run through the line rather than to it. Perhaps the message had not got through to Fredericks, who is

It was a hugely impressive performance, nevertheless. Fredericks, a fluent technician at the worst of times, got off to

ed Bailey and the Trinidadian, Ato Boldon, to his left. Bailey eventually finished second in 9.93sec, with Boldon fourth in 9.94 and Jon Drummond, who may have been slightly hampered by being credited with a false start, fourth in 10.00.

But the event is still in a very fluid state at the moment. Christie beat Bruny Surin of Canada, who had won in Paris the previous Friday, and the US trial winner, Dennis Mitchell, garbed in his habitual dayglo

Meanwhile, the world record holder, running in lane one. could only manage seventh place in 10.05sec. He is not going to the Olympics either.
Indeed, the result appeared

to confirm the decline of the traditional US domination at this distance. A Namibian first, a Canadian second, a Trinidadian third, and only one US runner in the top six. You would never have believed such a state of affairs would exist after Burrell had trimmed his team-mate Lewis's record here two years

While Fredericks was exuberant, Bailey, who was con-spicuously relaxed travelling to the stadium on the athletes' bus, was also in a celebratory mood. joining the Namibian and putting his arm round his shoulders as he greeted the crowd. He elearly seems to be enjoying his running - not an easy thing to do with the Olympics just over two weeks away.

The strength of last night's

still undecided whether to dou-ble up at 100 and 200 in Atlanta on in the 400 metres B race. where Mark Richardson and Jamie Baulch, neither of whom have earned an individual place for the Olympics, moved to fourth and fifth respectively on a superb start, where he headthe British all-time list.

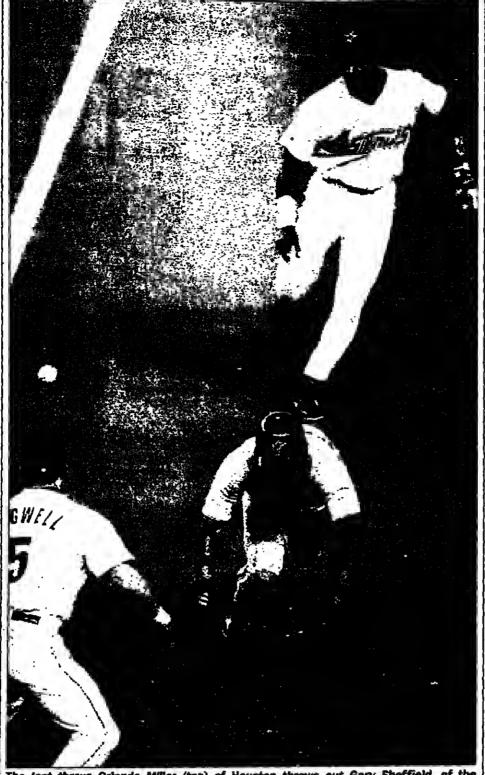
Behind the American winner, Anthnan Maybank, who did 44.15, Richardson ran 44.52sec, and Baulch took third place in

Despite the fact that both of the 23-year-olds had set personal bests, neither was exactly jubilant afterwards. "It's too te, and that's the point," said Richardson with a rueful grin. "I said I needed two more races after foud poisoning mucked me up for the trials, and I was right"

Baulch, too, admitted that the times were something of a mixed experience. "It is a bit disappointing when you know you are just going to run in the re-lay at the Olympics," he said. "But it is all to the good for British 400 metres running. It is going from strength to strength

Richardson said he had thought about finishing his season after the trials, but had decided to carry on as a matter of personal pride. "I didn't want to go back into winter training thinking I was a 45.5 runner. he said. As for the relay, he added: "We'll give the Ameri-

cans a run for their money." Jacqui Agyepong, named as a Jate addition to the British Olympic team on Monday after recovering from a hamstring injury, confirmed the selectors' faith with second place in an international 100m hurdles event in 13.18sec, Agyepong was given a place on the basis of her competitive record and an Olympic qualifying time last season.



The tast throw: Orlando Miller (top) of Houston throws out Gary Sheffield, of the Florida Marlins, in the Astros' 4-3 Major League victory

# **Boro offer** Ajax £6m for Kluivert

Football

NICK DUXBURY

Patrick Kluivert, the outstanding Ajax striker, could be on his way to Middlesbrough for £6m. Bryan Robson, the Boro manager, has made an official approach for the 20-year-old Dutch international and is prepared to break his club's transfer record, backed by chairman Steve Gibson's money and ro-

bust season-ticket sales. Middlesbrough are confident they can pull off the audacious signing and have put together a wage package worth around £1.5m a year for the powerful striker who gave glimpses of his ability in Euro 96.

Khivert has long been ex-pected to join Milan for the 1997/98 season, but Robson has boldly tried to bring him to England. Boro also consider Kluivert is value for money in a British transfer market that values Alan Shearer at a miniwum of £12.5m.

Manchester United kept the pot – and Blackburn Rovers' hlood – boiling regarding Shearer with Alex Ferguson again saying (in Malta, of all places) that United were still interested. Rovers responded with yet another "no way" re-

The takeover money now available for players at Leeds United has been put to immediate use with the £2.6m signing of the Chariton Athletic midfielder Lee Bowyer, a British record for a teenager. The new cash is also financing a £2.2m bid for Nigel Martyn, the Crystal Palace goalkeeper

who is wanted just as much by Everton.

Wimbledon spent nearly £2m on Milwall's "uncut diamond" Ben Thatcher yesterday, but were prevented from shelling out a further £1.5m for Manchester City's Steve Lomas when the midfield jewel turned down the Don's wage offer.

The fee for Thatcher, the England Under-21 defender. more than doubled Wimbledon's previous transfer record of £920,000 paid to Norwich for Efan Ekoku in October 1994.

"He's an uncut diamond, but we'll turn him into a polished gem," Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, said. "He'll play for the full England team or I'll eat my hat."

The Derby County cheque-book was also flapping open with £1.2m being lavished on-Damy Griffin, the 18-year-old St Johnstone defender/mid-fielder who won his first can for fielder, who won his first cap for Northern Ireland against Germany at the end of last season.

Chelsea paraded their £2.5m French defender Franck Leboeuf vesterday and then confirmed they are on target to buy the Italian midfielder Roberto Di Matteo from Lazio, but not for the £6m which has been re-

Manchester City are to offer Keith Curle at a cut-price £650,000 in return for a quick sale of their former captain who cost £2.5m from Wimbledon five years ago. Sunderland and Leeds are believed to be in interested.

Roy McFarland, dismissed by Bolton Wanderers in January, is in line for a return to man-

### Jones is target for Bristol

**Rugby Union** DAVID LLEWELLYN

Bristol are poised to sign Wales' most capped scrum-half, Robert Jones, on a two-year contract. with an option of a further two

The former British Lion Jones, 30, who plays for Swansca, was at the Memorial Ground yesterday for talks. The club spokesman, Dave Tyler, said he did not expect anything to be signed until Jones had slept on the offer.

The deal must be a substantial one - "It's the one we have offered all our international players," Tyler said - since Jones rejected a financial package with Harlequins in February after Swansea promised him a benefit next season. Jones had also been linked with Newcastle and South Africa's Western Province, who had offered him a reputed £180,000 for a full-time, two

year contract. Bristol's director of coaching, Alan Davies, had picked out Jones as the ideal replacement for the England scrum-half Kyran Bracken, who left Bristol for Saracens last month.

There is a certain irony in that, since it was Davies who rudely interrupted Jones's international career when he dropped the player to the beach

The Lions scrum-half did win a further six caps under Davies, however, before taking over from Gareth Edwards as most-capped Wales No 9.

Wasps have lost out to their London neighbours Harlequins over the signing of lock Glyn Llewellyn, who has rejected a move to Sudbury for a more rewarding deal at The Stoop. Quins apparently offered a third more than Wasps.

Llewellyn will team up with brother Gareth to form an all Wales international second row. Harlequius have also confirmed the signing of the France flanker Laurent Cabannes on a two-year contract.

> TODAY'S NUMBER

2,584,000

The difference between the career earnings of Tim Hen-man and Todd Martin, Henman, who is four years younger than the 25 year old Martin, has won £216,000 as a tennis player white Martin has amassed £2.8m.

# Heulot enjoys a champagne holiday

ROBIN NICHOLL

with the Tour de France

There was little time for sam-pling as the Tour de France felt the rolling lands of the Champagne region under its wheels, but Chris Boardman's GAN team-mates had good reasons to call for a jeroboam later in their Metz hotel

Riders of their calibre, however, have to enjoy the headiness of the big occasion without resorting to the bubbly. Frederic Moncassin, with a stage win at Den Bosch to his credit, accepted more back-slapping and hand-shaking yesterday despite losing the Tour leader's yellow jetsey.

He was unruffled as the colours had only crossed the botel corridor to his team-mate Stephane Heulot, and Moncassin had something else to celebrate, even if he found himself 3min 45sec off the pace. He was announced yesterday as one of five riders to represent France in the Olympic road events, and his team-mate Didier Rous was also named for Atlanta. Out on the road, Henlot and

four others launched an unexpectedly successful escape after 35km of the 232km (145 miles) from Sensory to I are de Mandine. Heulor, bis compation Cyril Saugi an, the Dunchman Danny Nelssen, Rolf Jae Manin of Switzerland, and Italy's Mariano Piccoli arrived at the lake-

side with a lead of 4min 33sec on the overnight leader, Moncassin, and contenders-in-waiting, such as Miguel Indurain. Ambition was still hot when

None was badly hurt.

waiting for an offer after leaving
the Banesto team of Miguel Induran because he wanted to tace
Heulot had become involved in
the kind of "suicide" move that
happens daily in the race, and for a French team. Heulot's first . is usually chased down by teams

Yesterday he was looking for points towards the red police dot jersey of No 1 mountain racer, and found himself instructed in-

the main field and riders began sprinting for sixth place, and the spare points left for high finishing, but Jan Svorada's defence of his green points jersey came to grief. He touched wheels and was flung in front of the Frenchman Laurent Brochard, who went head first over the fallen Czech. Bjarne Riis, Denmark's main contender, and Italy's Mauro Bettin also fell in a tangle of men and machines.

Heulot was then safe on the podium with an overall lead of 22sec over Italy's Mariano Piccoli. This was further reward for his team manger, Roger Legeay, who ended Heulot's months of

repayment was victory in the with interests to protect.

French road race title at Castres Yesterday Moncassin exnearly two weeks ago. panded his oversight seven sec-

stead to race for the yellow one.

Today: Stage 5 Yesterday: Stage 4 Soissons to Lac de Madine Wednesday 3 July, 144 miles Lac de Madine to Besancon Thursday 4 July, 150 mile START & Lamarcha Fretigney

company broke to build a lead of 17 minutes in 75 kilometres, but Heulot was not allowed to share in the pace-setting until Legeay had studied the op-

onds lead on Switzerland's Alex Zülle to 11 with second place at an intermediate sprint, which earned a four-second bonus. That was before Heulot and

> with his Sprint.
> TOUR DE PRANCE, Pourth stage (232km, Solasons to Lac de Madaires): 2 C Srugaer (Fr. Autonysbers) Eir 43rm Süecc; 2 D Nelssen (Neth, Rabobers): 3 R Jacomero (Swe, Miller (Stage)): 4 S Houte (Prance, GAN); 5 M iri, Austramonia per estem source; 2 D Nettemen (Nicht, Rabobarid; 3 R Jacomenin (Seet, Mc Technogen); 4 S Haudt (France, GAN); 5 M Pecnal (R. Breschlatt) et same trine; 6 C Camini (R. Breschlatt) 4-4:35; 7 E Megrin (Fr. Festina); 8 D Abdoujaparov (Lubah, Richn); 9 A Plate (Luft, Rabobarah; 10 F Bedeimo (R. MG Technogen); 3.1 F Montaneim (Fr. GAN); 3.2 M Traversors (R. Carrent); 3.1 N Capodin (R. SAED); 3.4 F Simon (Fr. GAN); 1.3 E Zhadi (See, Douestiv Telekem); 1.5 V F Des (R. Parantel); 3.7 T Romininger (SML, Magol); 1.8 S Dustamen (Rus, Reith); 1.8 General; 1.8 S Dustamen (Rus, Reith); 1.8 General; 1.8 S Dustamen (Rus, Reith); 1.8 General; 1.9 General; 1.7 M; 20 C Vissacur (Fr. GAN) all serine time. Salasthad: 8 Y Destin (Rus, General); 1.06 C Bosschram (SB, GAN); 1.3 T M Scannol (GB, Micharaba) all semantens. Overate (sandelage); 1. Neutrick) all semantens. Overate (sandelage); 1. Neutrick); 3. Magoni (Rus, 1.4 Jacomen); 4.3 S F Nollson (Rus, 1.4 Jacomen); 4.3 S F Nollson (Rus, 1.4 Jacomen); 4.3 S F Nollson (Rus, Magol) 4-4.12; 1.2 M Indunen (Sp. Benesso) 4-4.17; 1.2 L Jaidoen; (Fr. ONCE) 4-4.20; 1.8 Dender (Sp. ONCE) 4-4.25; 1.7 Cipolini 4-4.29; 1.8 Delvier (Meth. Rabobark); 4-31; 1.8 M Guardi (R. Poul) 4-4.34, Belenchet: 78 Scientifit 1-5.12.

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## **Scotland to stage** first major match

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

Professional rugby league will go to Scotland in August, with ateur world champion before a match against Ireland at Partick Thistle's ground, Firhill however, was out to make his Park. The fixture will be the first caught the Dutchman off-guard major tie to be staged north of the border and could be the precursor to the establishment of a Super League side in Scot-

"It will be a full international, with all eligible players available to the two countries," the League's chief executive, Mau-

rice Lindsay, said. Ireland, who reached the final of the Emerging Nations' World Cup last year, have already drawn on numerous players from professional clubs who

have Irish antecedents. Scotland, who also played in that tournament, are able to separentage, such as South Wales' veteran prop Hugh Waddell, and Darren Shaw of the

The meeting of the Rugby League Council in Wigan yesterday also decided to issue a questionnaire to players to find out what they think ab running of the game.

The questions will include sounding out their opinions on recent rule changes, the success or otherwise of summer rugby, the role of agents and the use of drugs within the game.

The Rugby League Professional Players' Association made a bid for official recognition by the League, but left the meeting without knowing whether or not they had been

The former Great Britain centre, Darren Wright, is the latest Widnes player to be hunted by Sale. The rugby union club

has already signed Adrian Hadley on a permanent deal and John Devereux for a closeseason stint.

The Warrington captain, Paul Cullen, will today face charges arising out of an incident for which he was placed on report during the match against Wigan

# Oxford crew burst through late

HUGH MATHESON reports from Henley

bag of rain and races, and with a changeable headwind it was a day for Barbours, not blazers. The revised rules for the lesser events for eights were challenged immediately when Upper Thames, a Henley club, objected to racing a crew from Essen Kupferdreh, Germany. because it breached the rule that "no crew of a boat club of any university, college or secondary school" may enter.

Henley opened with a mixed

The Essen boys happily confessed to being German student

THAMES CUP First round: London

B' bt London 'C' 33/4 lengths, 6min

57sec; Agecroft bt Bedford 41/2,

7:10; Thames bt Quintin 13/4, 7:18;

Nottingham bt Stanford (US) 3,

6:54; Auriol Kensington bt Carn-

bridge 99 214, 7:04; City of Bristol lost to Wernmer Pan (SA) 3, 7:00; Wallingford A of Bewdley 2/8,

7:00; Neptune (in) bt Wallingford B 4½, 7:14; Bewl Bridge bt Roy-al Navy 1, 7:31; TSS bt Walton 2,

7:11: London A bt Nottingham and

Union 21/2, 7:06; Lea bt Marlow

33/8, 7:07; Staines bt Llandaff 1/2,

7:11; Essen Kupferdreh (Ger) bt Un-

TEMPLE CUP First round: Cherwell 'B' bt Univ Coll London 3, 7:01;

Strathclyde Univ bt Reading Univ 1/3.

7:11; Leads Univ bt Oxford Univ light-

weight 114, 7:18; Nephthys lost to Univ of Bristol 114, 7:11; Trinity Col-

lege Dublin 'B' lost to Dartmouth

per Thames 31/4, 6:50.

round for a club to race for in the Thames Cup because there are no student clubs in Germany. They went for the Thames Cup because some of them had raced for it last year. The objection was dismissed.

The best race of the day came in the Britannia Cup for coxed fours when an Oxford "exam" crew with three practice outings, rowing as Isis, had al-lowed Sous of the Thames a twolength lead to Fawley before bursting through to win by three feet. Isis was still a length down at the mile and one-eighth, but came up to level for an agonisingly long period before a final heave took them to victory.

College 'B' (US) 2½, 7:06; Not-tingham Univ A' bt Okeanos (Neth) 1¾, 7:03; Durham Univ bt First and

Third Trinity, Camb 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 7:24; Newcastle Univ bt Florida IT (US)

easily, 7:12; Tilburg (Neth) bt Mag-dalene, Camb, 2, 7:31; Rhodes (SA)

th Edinburgh University 4½, 7:29; Atlantic City (US) bt Nihon Univ (Japan) 2¾, 7:18; Dartmouth A

(US) bt Ridley College (Can) 21/4,

6:56; Nottingham Univ B bt Mag-dalen 1112, 7:13; Eton bt Orange

PRINCESS ELIZABETH: St Ed-

ward's bt Radley 'B' 31/4, 7:04;

Kingston Grammar School bt Bed-

ford Modern School 31/4, 7:30;

Shrewsbury School A bt Abingdon

'B' 31/4, 7:34; Abingdon School 'A' bt Emanuel 2, 7:23; Chettenham

College lost to King's School, Chester, 1<sup>1/2</sup>, 7:14; St John's High (US) lost to Latymer Upper School

Coest (US) 1/2, 6:52.

the eventual winner of the Di- Resolute boat has a new hull amond Sculls as the selected scullers are all scheduled to begin racing today. But the Irish lightweight Gearoid Towey set a fast time in beating John Burton, of Australia. Towey, 19, was fifth in the Junior World Championships last year and has beaten Niall O'Toole, the

1991 world champion. In the Temple Cup, Eton up-set the progress of the new Resointe boat being developed for the United States Olympic squad when the Orange Coast College crew was unable to hold them off in the closing stages of the race. Eton's finishing time of 5min 53sec was

ford School B 3/8, 7:40; St Paul's

bt Hampton B 11/2, 7:29; Hamp-

Monmouth bt Oratory 11/4, 7:19;

Brentwood College (Can) bt King's

WYFOLD: Twickenham bt Hereford

4, 7:36; Henley bt Upper Thames

easily, 7.45; Lea bt London 'B' 33/4,

7:52; Worcester bt Blauweiss

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99 bt Morttake 11/4, 7:53; Queen's

Tower bt Wallingford easily, 7:50;

Vesta bt Thames Tradesmen 1,

7:42; Tyne bt Thames 11/2, 8:05;

Nottingham B bt Royal Engineers

31/4, 7:20; Quintin bt Bradford-on-

Avon 2, 7:41; Kingston bt Rob Roy

School Worcester 31/4, 7:07.

shape, being widest at the No 3 seat as well as a novel construction with no bulkheads. It is said to be favoured by the US eight but not by their English coach, Mike Spracklen.

In the Princess Elizabeth, Shiplake College found they too had a newly shaped boat after several of the outriggers were altered between their morning practice and the race, which had to be postponed. It made little difference to their smooth progress through Westminster School to a meeting today with St Edward's Oxford, the favourites for the school eights

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA 41/2, 7:32; 88 and N (US) bt Bed-

DIAMONDS: D W Nicoll (Dope Thames) bt P Ujhelyi (Bedford MS) 1/2 8:24; SEB McLaughin (Mosman) lost to L.I Fletcher (Thames) 2, 8:37; M.P. Van der Schoot (Koninklijke Dordrechtse Roei en Zellvereeniging) bt ton School A bt Coleraine 21/4, 7:28; Eton bt Radley A 11/4, 7:26; Canford bt King's School 1, 6:48; Towey (Fermoy) bt J J A Burton (Commercial RC, Aus) 4, 8:16; Butles (Leander) bt. Van Den Broek (Castledore) 3, 8:53.

BRITANNIA: Univ of London bt the Oratory School 3, 7:58; Liverpool Univ bt Univ of Westminster 34, 8:15 Molesey bt St Hild & St Bede 29/4 7:56; Isis bt Sons 3ft, 7:33; Read ing by Themes Tradesmen 4½, 7:51; Destrouth College X (US) by Wellington 42, 7:53; Durham Univ X by Thames 1½, 7:56; Durham Univ 8 bt Cambridge (US) 3, 8:26; George town (US) bt City of Oxford 4½, 7:57; Britannia: Belfast bt Quintin 2, 8:09: Loughborough bt Nottingham Trent 1½, 8:18; Kingston bt London 1½, 8:02; Harvard Sculling Club (US) bt Radley 1, 8:07.

#### £100,000 boost for drivers **Motor racing**

GWYN DOLPHIN

Would-be touring ear racers received a major boost with the launch yesterday of a £100,000 championship. The winner of the Vauxhall Vectra Challenge, a one-make saloon series which will run with all rounds of the popular British Touring Car Championship, will also be loaned a Vectra race car for use in the 1998 series. The championship, aimed at

young British drivers who want to build a career in touring cars rather than aim for the few seats available in Formula One, is expected to attract a capacity 30-car field in its first season. Replacing Formula Vauxhall, the company's waning single-seater series, the contest is likely to reoularly race in front of crowds tooping 30,000. In addition, both terrestrial and satellite television will cover the event. A celebrity car will also be entered in each

of the races. The cars will be fast, they will sound great and the series will act as a valuable stepping stone into the BTCC," Vauxhall's Mike Nicholson said. The new race-prepared machines, which will be developed by current touring car driver James Thompson, will use new 25-litre V6 engines producing more than 200

#### **Goss finds way home** Sailing

STUART ALEXANDER

London Broncos.

in second place with his 60-foot monohull Gartmore Investments. Britain was set for another second in the Europe 1 Singlehanded Transatlantic Race last night as Pete Goss coaxed his 50footer, Aqua Quorum, though the mists to the finish last night. the battens in his mainsail, a

With Josh Hall safely in Newport

Goss, a 34-year-old former Royal Marine, has had to cope with a knock-down which broke wrecked spinnaker, and the contamination of most of his food by a seawater leak. Ever cheerful, he regards the 2,810mile trip from Plymouth as ide- 1993 Whithread 60s.

al preparation for the Vendee Globe Singlehanded Non-stop Round the World which starts in November.

However, he failed to heat the 60-footers, won by Gerry Roufs in Groupe LG2, and was well behind the victorious 50footer, Telecom Italia, in which Giovanni Soldini knocked one day 22hr 54min off the record to set a new 50-foot monohull time of 15days 18hr 29min.

EF Education's all-woman crew, skippered by Mikaela von Koskuli, beat their Swedish male counterparts, skippered by Magnus Olsson in the absence of Lawrie Smith, by one hour to win on handicap the 490-mile Round Gotland Race, both in

# Glazzard looks good

Equestrianism **GENEVIEVE MURPHY** reports from Stoneleigh

Geoff Glazzard jumped two confident rounds on Hello Oscar to win yesterday's Daewoo

Grand Prix qualifier at the Royd Show at Stoneleigh. It was particularly satisfying for Glazzard, who had feared

the stallion might have lost some of his enthusiasm after his experience in the Aachen Nahorse made five mistakes in both his rounds. Yesterday's course, though testing enough, proved well within his compass and he attacked it with vigour.

Glazzard beat Geoff Luckett. on his long-standing partner Vantage, and Nick Skelton, on his recent acquisition Cathleen. the former mount of Meredith Michaels, of the United States.

Skelton, who has been selected for the Olympics with Showtime, expects to ride Cathleen in this month's King George V Gold Cup at Hickstead. The new Daewoo series, which has its first final at the Royal Show next year, has given Glazzard two wins and one tions Cup last week, in which the runner-up place, which put him well ahead on points.

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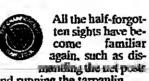
# Rain clouds quarter-finals day





Pete Sampras (left) battles the power of Richard Krajicek (above) in their quarter-final at Wimbledon yesterday

JOHN ROBERTS



and running the tarpaulin.

For the first time for four years, the All England Club's ground staff has been in action more often than the players-one poor chap was trapped under the sevic 5-3 and was, about to covers and had to be taken off serve for the first set. on a stretcher - and the weather outlook is not promising.

There is so little scope for manocuvre when rain disrupts the the organisers may have to consider the implications of finishing the tournament next week.

Yesterday, wheo the crowds gathered to see Tim Henman become the first Briton to play singles for 23 years, there were long, frustrating rain delays.

The opening meo's quarterfinals, featuring Pete Sampras and Richard Krajicek on the Centre Court and Goran Ivanisevic and Jason Stoltenberg on Court No 1, started at 12.35pm, only half an boos late. But the players were back in the locker rooms after 20 minutes. At this stage. Sampras and Krajicek were level at 2-2 in the opening set, and Stoltenberg led Ivani-

During the three and a half hours delay. Wimbledon experienced another first. Sir Cliff Richard was on song at the back of the oumbers he recorded long before Yorkshire's Roger Taylor played in the quarter-fi-

breaking the three-times champion to 7-5 to take the opening set and forcing the American to save two break points in the second game of the secood set. ivanisevic, having lost the opening set, 6-3, led 6-5 on serve in the second set when rain interrepted the proceedings for a

second time, after 32 minutes. Stoltenberg was only one game from the semi-finals after play resumed again, after an bour and 40 minutes. He led the fourth-seeded Ivanisevic, 6-3, 7-6; and 6-5 with the Croat about to serve when rain intervened-again. Sampras was two sets down, 5-7, 6-7, and level at

1-1 in the third. the Club's chief executive, has become a familiar sound again, advising spectators of the latest news from the Londoo Weath-When play resumed, at er Centre. Alan Mills, the ref-4.36pm, Krajicek gained the eree, was busy pondering the initiative against Sampras. scheduling and wondering how

many matches could be Scles between rain delays on the squeezed in today along with the Saturday, and Andre Agassi won

the men's title on the Sunday in women's semi-finals between-Steffi Graf and Kimiko Date and five-sets against ivanisevic. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, due to In 1991, there was play on the be played on Centre Court. middle Sunday for the first The last year that Wimbledon time ever following the wettest became a mecca for umbrelias first week on record. The ing Meastey was minimized and was 1792, when the temperature was extended to the third Mononly 52 out of 240 scheduled

matches were completed in the nine hours and 15 minutes play available by Thursday evening The tournament was completed on schedule, Graf de-feating Gabriela Sabatini for the womeo's title and Michael Stich beating Boris Becker in the all-German men's final.

Greg Rusedski has withdrawn from Britain's Davis Cup match in Ghana, which starts a week tomorrow, because of a back injury. His place in the team will be takon by Luke Milligan, the 19-year-old from Middlesex who reached the third round at Wimbledon.

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# Souness takes on Saints challenge

DERRICK WHYTE

Graeme Souness, on his return to English football two years af-

ter his controversial departure from Anfield, has one immediate target: to push Matthew Le Tissier back into the England set-up. Souness, formerly in charge

of Rangers, Liverpool and Galatasaray, was yesterday named as Southampton's new manager on a three-year contract. Le Tissier is the most talented footballer in Britain, and if he is honest with himself he knows he could do more than he did last season," Souness

"I want to get more out of him and I want to get him back where he belongs - that's back in the England side," Souness added. "With someone of Matthew's ability in your side, you've always got a chance of winning any match. He is a very special talent and be must be treated in a special way. I think that everyone at the chub appreciates that, even the other

players." The former Scottish international, sacked by the Turkish club, Galatasaray, at the end of last season, takes over from Dave Merrington, who was dismissed by the Saints last month.
Souness will be in charge of team matters at The Dell, with Lawrie McMenemy continuing as director of football, and the new manager said: "As anyone who knows me will tell you, I love a challenge - but we have to be realistic.

"I know that it will be difficult, but I believe that Southampton are a better team than last season's position indicates. The season before they came 10th with more or less the same set of players - and that's wbat we've got to aim for." Souriess added.

"I think I have mellowed a report back on Monday, so the lot. Maybe I am prepared to listen to other people more than

I bave ever done. "Don't forget. I was very young when I first became a manager with Rangers. I think I am a better manager now but, of course, only time will tell. I want to make Southamptoo a place to be feared, a place



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where teams will feel uncomfortable. It took me only five minutes in Lawrie's company to convince me about taking the job. He is passionate about the game, and so am I."

McMenemy said: "We are delighted to have someone of Graeme's calibre at the club. He was our first choice. He is someone who will have the respect of both the public and the players. The senior players

timing is right."
The Saints' chairman, Guy Askham, added: "We hope this appointment proves to the fans that Southampton are very keen to have a future in the Premiership and win things."

The first target for Souness in the transfer market is the defender David Holdsworth, wbo is moving from Watford for £500,000. The Saints' new manager wasted no time moving for Holdsworth to replace another central defender, Richard Hall, who is joining West Ham. Holdsworth, whose twin

brother, Dean, plays for Wimbledon, was out of cootract at Watford after turning down a new deal recently. The 27-yearold will travel to The Dell to complete the move today. This job is a new beginning

for Souness, who left Liverpool in 1994 with the club reduced to mid-table mediocrity. There was dismay at his £20m worth of wheeler-dealing in the transfer market, and disapproval of many of his signines. Rule by fear rather than con-

sensus seemed to be the order of play, according to regular Anfield observers - yet the fans had felt optimistic when he returned io 1991 as the successor to Kenny Dalglish, following his fine five-year track record at Rangers.

However, Souness fell out of favour when a picture of him recuperating from heart surgery appeared in the Sun on the third anniversary of the Hillsborough tragedy. The tabloid oewspaper was reviled by the fans for its coverage of the disaster, and Merseyside was outraged by Souness' insensitivity.

Now, be has a chance to reestablish himself in the top flight, albeit with a club with arguably lower ambitions than his previous ports of call in Glasgow and Liverpool.

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day. That was when 7,798 speca-

tors were admitted free to watch the mixed doubles final and the

conclusion of the men's doubles

John McEnroe and Michael

Stich defeating Jim Grabb and

Richey Reneberg, 19-17 in the

third set, on Court No 1 - and

On that occasioo there had

been a good deal of rain fol-

lowing a week of fine weather.

Play was washed out on the sec-

ond Friday, and the men's semi-

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Steffi Graf defeated Monica

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